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30 Palestinian women prisoners freed

By Jerusalem Post Staff and news agencies

Thirty of the 31 Palestinian women prisoners slated for release had left prison by 11:30 last night. Only Zinav Sido, convicted of selling drugs in 1994 after the Oslo agreement was signed, remained at Neveh Tirza Prison.

The release was delayed as the High Court of Justice considered and then rejected a last-minute petition against the release of six of the prisoners by the Terror Victims Association.

Lamya Maarouf; a 32-yearold Brazilian citizen, was the first prisoner to be released at about 4 p.m. Israeli and Palestinian officials said she would be deported to Brazil." Maarouf was arrested in 1986 for driving the car in which soldier David Manos was kidnapped. Manos was killed and Maarouf was sentenced to 25 years in jail.

At least two other convicted killers were released; Abeer al-Wheidy, 27, arrested in 1992 for belonging to a cell of the PLO's mainstream Fatah faction that killed a Jewish settler from the settlement of Ofra; and May Gbussein, 23, arrested in 1991 for security reasons. Ghussein confessed to killing a Palestinian in jail suspected of conaboranng authorities.

All of those released were required to sign a statement promising to refrain from vio-

A Palestinian official said most of the freed prisoners were taken to Ramallah, where Palestinian Anthority leader

Yasser Arafat and their friends and families waited anxiously to welcome them.

Two Palestinian officials legislator Hisham Abdel-Razek and Soufian Abu Zaida, bead of the Israel desk in the - greeted the 25 women who left Tel Mond prison.

Arafat called the releases a

High Court rejects lastminute petition, Page 2

good sign for peace with

"No doubt this will help the

relationship between the two peoples," be told reporters. Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, paying hospital visits in the North to soldiers

wounded in Lebanon, said the promise to free the women was made originally by the Labor government. 'It's not a tactic, we are seri

ous about fulfilling commitments, but we intend fully to see that there is an equal reciprocity on the other side, Netanyahu said.

Israel has demanded the PA keep its promise to change sections of the PLO Charter calling for the destruction of istael, avoid political activit Jerusalem and fight Palestinian terror groups

opposed to peace deals. Abdel-Razek said that 28 of the women had been convicted of security offences and three were jailed for criminal activity unrelated to the Israeli-Arab

IAF hits inside Lebanon

By DAVID RUDGE

IAF jets and helicopter gunships blasted Hizbullah and Palestinian targets in the Syrian-controlled Beka'a Valley and south of Beirut yesterday, sending a message from Jerusalem to the Lebanese and Syrian governments to restrain the extremist organizations.

We won't sit with folded hands," Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai said. "We will attack wherever we think it is necessary to attack. In the past few hours our planes have also struck on the outskins of Beirut, in the Nu'emeh

region, and in the Beka'a." The "Voice of the Oppressed" radio station, one of two operated by Hizbullah, just north of the organization's strongbold in Baalbek, in the Beka'a Valley, was

Bases of Ahmed Jibril's PFLP-General Command in the Sultan Yacoub region, in the Beka'a Valley, and in Nu'emeh region, south of Beirut, were also hit in the air strikes by warplanes and helicopter gunships. After the attack, Jibril toured the base near Sultan Yacoub for about five minutes under heavy guard.

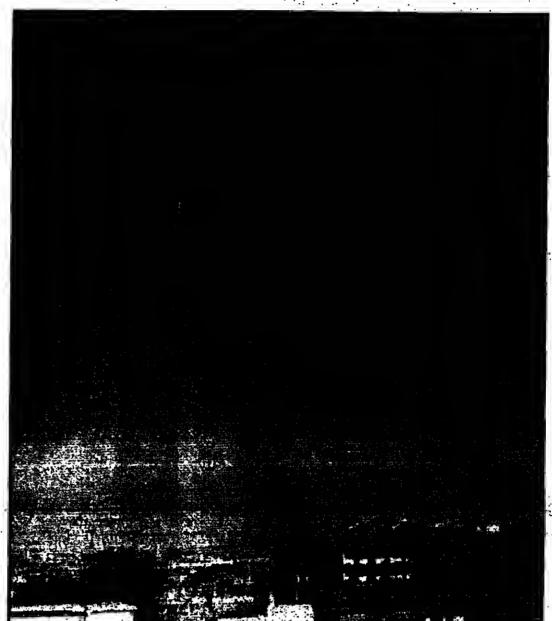
The IDF Spokesman said the pilots reported accurate bits on the targets and that all the planes had returned safely to their bases.

The raids, the deepest into Lebanese territory since Operation Grapes of Wrath last April, further. heightened the tension in south Lebanon. IDF and South Lebanese Army

troops inside the security zone and along the northern border were on full alert last night in case of attempts by Hizbullah to retaliate with Katyusha rockets on the Galilee or widespread attacks on targets in the zone.

Mordechai warned Lebanon against allowing an escalation of the fighting in the zone that could spread to the rest of the country.

"Lebanon is only partially independent and therefore I call not just on Lebanon, but also Syria, before the situation becomes complicated, that it would be better to reduce the conflict and entangle-



A column of smoke rises from a Hizbullah radio transmission antenna in Baalbek, eastern Lebanon, after IAF jets attacked the facility during a series of raids yesterday.

process," Mordechai said. He reiterated the "vital security interest of the IDF remaining in the security zone in order to pro-

By DAVID HADGE

Lebanon no mennon has been

made of one possible solution that

would allow Israel a way out of

the morass while retaining a mod-

icum of dignity and providing the

opportunity for reaching interna-

COMMENT

ment and advance the peace tect northern border communities. Mordechai spoke to reporters while visiting a Nahal Brigade soldier, wounded in Sunday's clash with Hizbullah gunmen, who is

being treated in Haifa's Rambam Hospital Earlier, the soldier was also visited by Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Anmon Lipkin-Shahak. Shahak and Mordechai had ear-

lier accompanied Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu on a visit to IDF soldiers at a position on the Lebanese border, and then to Nahariya Government Hospital, where other soldiers injured in Sunday's clash are being treated. Initial reports from Lebanon

said a shepherd was wounded in the air raids in the Beka'a, although later reports said the casualties included the commander of Jibril's forces in the Beka'a and two of his men.

Hizbullah gunmen sealed off the areas hit in the raids, and it was impossible for reporters to get accurate details on casualties.

Officials of the Iranian-backed Shi'ite organization were quick to responded to the attacks by saying Hizbullah would retaliate.

Deputy Hizbullah leader Sheikh Naim Kassem had earlier said that the organization's fighting arm, the Islamic Resistance, was on full alert to thwart any attacks or air raids by the "Zionist enemy."

Netanyahu told reporters during his visit to the North that it would be wrong to be dragged into uncontrolled actions regarding Syria, despite the problems in south Lebanon.

I have not proposed any pre-con-ditions for the resumption of talks with Syria. I don't think it would be wise for them or us to make preconditions," said Netanyahu.

"It is clear, bowever, that in order for the negotiations between Israel and Syria to advance, there has to be direct and determined action by Syria to reduce terror [in south Lebanon).

"It's . Impossible to advance peace between Israel and Syria if an indirect war is being waged against Israel," said Netanyahu.

Labor MK Ephraim Sneh also visited the security zone yesterday and met with SLA commander Gen. Antoine Lahad, who has said a unilateral withdrawal by Israel from south Lebanon would be a grave mistake. He said Lahad had stated that morale among the SLA troops was high and that they felt they could do much more given the right equipment.

Banker agrees to cut his own salary

By GALIT LIPKIS BECK

It is not every day that the chairman of a bank decides to take a whopping cut in his own salary and give up shares worth millions of shekels. But that's what Shmuel Weber, the controlling shareholder in Trade Bank and chairman of its board of directors has done. And he says he's doing it for the sake of the bank.

In an attempt to end a three-year dispute with other shareholders, Weber agreed to forego options worth NIS 2.5 million and a 17 percent drop in his salary of \$15,000 per month.

"It causes bad blood and this is not good for business," he said. "I decided that it is about time for domestic harmony. Trade Bank is among the country's

smaller banks, offering deposits, credit and foreign currency. Weber controls about 40% of its shares. While Trade Bank has registered profits in recent years. Weber admitted that the internal dispute among shareholders had harmed the bank's In August 1993, a Trade Bank

general meeting authorized Weber to receive options worth NIS 12.5m. (their value has since shrunk to NIS 2.5m.), a monthly salary of \$15,000 per month and a bonus calculated at 50 percent of the bank's profits.

The generous benefits, far higher than those at other commercial banks, were sharply criticized by the bank's minority shareholders who elaimed they had been authorized illegally. In 1996, a Tel Aviv District Court ruling cancelled the benefits at the request of the shareholders. Several months later, however,



Supervisor of Banks Ze'ev Abeles decided to approve the allocation of Weber's options and salary but not the bonus. In response, Weber filed a claim to the Supreme Court.

But in a surprise announcement to the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange yesterday, Trade Bank said Weber had

reached an understanding with the Erani family, owners of 9.9% of the bank's shares that puts an end to the legal dispute. It said the chairman had given up his options, would now receive a monthly salary of \$12,500 and a graded boous in accordance

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ment of a multinational body or the populist fantasy of creating an American-backed pan-Arab force to oversee a security zone vacated by the IDF in the event of a unilat-

eral withdrawal: The idea is UN Security Council Resolution 425 of 1978 that led to

the inception of the multinational force known as the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL).

UNIFIL's mandate as set out at that time, and which has been renewed every six months since then at the behest of the Lebanese

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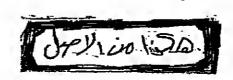


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High Court to hear bid to stop A-G appointment

HIGH Court justices are to hear a request for a restraining order against the appointment of lawyer Roni Bar-On as attorney-general at 8 a.m. today.

Justice Theodor Or decided on the time for the hearing after receiving the request from Labor MK Ophir Pines at his home last night. The hearing is set for one hour before Bar-On is scheduled to replace Michael Ben-Yair at a Jusoce Ministry ceremony this morning. Or will be joined by Justices Mishael Cheshin and Yitzhak Zamir.

Pines said the process by which Bar-On was appointed was improper, saying it was done quickly to keep ministers from fully considering the appointment.

He added that Bar-On is a staunch Likud supporter, a member of the Likud central committee, a member of the party's Jerusalem branch and acrive in the party's Knesset and Jerusalem mayoral election campaigns. He said such a clearly political appointment could significantly hurt the attorney-general's ability to remain independent.

He also noted that Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi had done his legal apprendeship with Bar-On, making for a "give-and-take" relationship between them, and that there was a danger the attorney-general would become "the justice minister's clerk."

Pines charged that the appointment undermined the rule of law and could undermine public trust in the legal system.

Meanwhile, in the wake of the

appointment, the chairman of the Knesset Law Committee, MK Yahalom Religious Party), has decided to speed up legislation setting new guidelines for appointing the attorney-general.

Yahalom is proposing taking the appointment out of the government's hands and creating an appointment team that would include the judicial appointments committee, the prime minister and the Knesset speaker.

"This last instance shows that the government is incapable of choosing the most fitting candidate, so the choice must be given to a team that will include experts and people in the field," he said. NRP ministers Zevulun Hammer and Yitzhak Levy abstained Friday in the vote on Bar-On's appointment, feeling they did not know enough about

decided to abstain after they found nated with Shas leader Arych Deri, in exchange for his support on the Hebron redeployment

Hundreds of Labor supporters demonstrated opposite the Justice Ministry in Jerusalem last night against the appointment.

The demonstrators beld signs reading: "Tzahi's Friends," and "If you've got Hanegbi, you've got friends." They also shouted slogans against the appointment.
Lior Horev, who organized the

rally, said the appointment was "a dark deal" between Haneghi and Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, aimed at helping those close to the government who are facing prosecution, including Deri and Jerusalem Mayor Ehud

TV: Hanegbi tried to give iob to Bar-On's wife

JUSTICE Minister Tzahi Hanegbi tried to appoint Bina Bar-On, wife of attorney-general-designate Roni Bar-On, as Health Ministry legal adviser when he assumed the health portfolio, Channel 2 television reported last night.

At present, Bina Bar-On is an attorney at the Environment Ministry At the ome. Hanegbi was told that he would have to appoint a legal adviser who was familiar with the health field, including the Nacional Health Law, medical ethics, and the medical profession.

Nevertheless, he decided to go ahead with the appointment. His plan was foiled, however, after it became apparent that a ministry tender would have to be issued for the post. The tender committee decided against Bar-On's candidacy, choosing Mira Heubner-Harel. (Itim)



Brig. Fayez Zaidan (center), chairman of Palestinian Airlines, and Sheikh Youssef of the Palestinian religious authorities (second from left) stand with pilots before the airline's maiden flight Friday from Egypt to Sandi Arabia.

Bureaucracy, fog and a maiden flight for Palestinian Airlines

PORT SAID (AP) - Palestinian Airlines bad its maiden flight Friday, carrying a group of pilgrims to Saudi Arabia with the Palestinian pilot calling the flight "a bistoric day in my life."

"I cannot describe my feelings. It's the dream of my life come true," said Jamal al-Hawa before he took off in a Dutch-made Fokker-50 for Jedda, Saudi Arabia, with 48 Palestinian

passengers aboard.
Al-Hawa, who trained as a pilot in the former Yugoslavia, said the Palestinian Airlines maiden voyage serves as "a great symbol for the Palestinians in their endeavors to set the foundations of our independent state."

But the flight - delayed two days by bureaucracy and nearly three bours by fog - also shows bow far the Palestinians are from wresting from Israel an agreement to create their own nation.

PALESTINIAN Authority leader Yasser Arafat

increased his criticism of the government's

During a short visit to Paris Friday, Arafat

of sabotaging the peace agreements already

in memory of late French president François

Mitterrand. He held meetings with President

Jacques Chirac and Labor leader Shimon Peres,

before leaving for Cairo for talks with Egyptian

In his speech to the symposium, Arafat said:

We hope that we can, in cooperation with our

peace partners, reach a solid foundation to make

peace achievable on the basis of respect and

"Our way to reach this new phase has not been

easy. We have faced a new logic which has cre-

ated new risks surrounded by extremism and intransigence. The results of the last Israeli elec-

tion put the entire peace process in the verge of

President Hosni Mubarak on Hebron.

saying peace "is in danger."

Flights by the Palestinian carrier were originally expected to fly from the autonomous Gaza Strip, but Palestinian officials said that was blocked by disagreements with Israel over security arrangements.

Nahi Manaa, regional manager for the Palestinian Airlines in Cairo, said Thursday he did not expect an agreement on flights from Gaza until one was reached on the Hebron redeployment.

After it was decided to fly to Saudi Arabia from this Egyptian port on the Mediterranean, the flights were delayed for two days in getting proper landing permits from the Saudis. Fog then put back the take off from 7:30 a.m. to 10;10 a.m.

Palestinian Airlines was established on paper after Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser

Arafat set up the self-rule authority in Gaza in

It has two Fokker-50 planes, with a capacity of 50 passengers, and Manaa said the carrier has 12 internationally qualified pilots and others now training to join the staff.

Each of the two Fokkers will make four trip! through tomorrow to take some 330 Palestinian. pilgrims to Jedda, from where they will travely to the Moslem holy shrines in Mecca. Planu call for busing passengers from the Gaza Strip hours before each flight.

A pilgrimage to Saudi Arabia is one of the five principal rituals of Islam. The official pilgrimage season follows Ramadan, the Moslem holy month of fasting that began Friday. But many Moslems prefer to perform a lesser pilgrimage during Ramadan.

for the Palestinian demand to respect already

signed agreements and not to renegotiate them.

Arafat told journalists after his 90-minute

discussion with Chirac that Netanyahu's

attempt to put off for two years an Israeli pull-

out from most of the West Bank was a demand

that would sabotage the peace agreements, as

do Israeli settlement activities and the alleged

asking for the accurate and sincere implemen-

expropriation of Palestinian lands.

We are not asking impossible t

Lebanon holds Palestinians for Katyusha attack

BEIRUT - Lebanese authorities are interrogating two radical Palestinian terrorists detained on suspicion of firing a Katyusha rocket into Israel last week, judicial sources said on Friday.

Lebanese leaders, anxious to avoid escalation of violence between Hizbullah gunmen and Israel in south Lebanon, earlier called for investigations into Wednesday's cross-border attack. The sources confirmed a report,

carried by Beirut's official. National News Agency that twomembers of the Damascus-based Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP) were arrested on Thursday in south Lebanoti and were being questioned over the incident. In Damascus, a spokesman for the group - which opposes the peace process - on Friday denied responsibility for the attack.

The Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine did not fire any Katyushas against northern Israel," the DFLP spokesman told Reuters. He said the DFLP had not received any information about the arrest of two of its members in

It was the second Katyusha attack against Israel since the cease-fire understandings that ended the 17-day Operation Grapes of Wrath in Lebanon.

The US-brokered understanding barmed attacks against civilians in

(Continued from Page 1) state devote more attention and resources to combating white-col-

However, Hanegbi said another factor was Bar-On's ideological identification with the government's posicions.

"In my opinion, a government must, among other criteria, appoint [an attorney-general] according to whether the candidate is, on a basic level, close to

oorthern Israel and south

Lebanon. Israeli officials have said that Beirut was to blame for the rocket attack. An aide to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Thursday the IDF would do whatever was necessary to restore

Lebanon's Parliament Speaker Nabih Berri, who also heads the pro-Syrian Amal Movement, was quoted earlier on Friday as saying that neither his Shi'ite group nor Hizbullah bad fired the rockets into the western Galilee.

"It [the Katyusha] was fired by factions that must be pinpointed through a thorough investigation and must be held accountable for what they are doing," Berri told members of the Lebanese Press Association on Thursday.

Hizbullah and Amal have denied any links to Wednesday's incident. The DFLP and other Damascusbased groups have bases in south Lebanon which they use to launch attacks on Israel.

Lebanese President Elias Hrawi was quoted by the daily an-Nahar as saying: "Israel must not be given a pretext to undertake new assaults. Firing Karyushas is useless militarily and it does not hurt Israel but can harm Lebanon." Israel has filed a complaint over the incident with the committee

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[the government's] world view."

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be said. "I think it was this way in

Ben-Yair, for instance, was widely considered to have been

chosen by prime minister Yitzhak

Rabin in the expectation that he

would identify with the govern-

ment's interests. Unlike Bar-On.

however, he had no open party

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and Kibbutz Tzora

monitoring the understandings reached after Operation Grapes of

In a statement issued Friday, the committee confirmed that at least one Katyusha rocket was fired from south Lebanon into Israel last Wednesday but did not reprimand Lebanon. The group, comprising the United States, France. Syria, Lebanon and Israel, said the attack violated the understanding that bans firing at civilians in both

Israel and Lebanon. "By unanimity, the Monitoring Group accepted as factual that at least one Katyusha rocket was fired into Israel from the area of El-Kleila in Lebanoo," said the statement, issued after a seventhe coastal town of Nakoura, headquarters of the UN peacekeepers in south Lebanon.

The monitoriog group urged Beirut to intensify its efforts to prevent such incidents and "welcomed the latest measures taken by the Lebanese government in this respect.

In another development, a South Lebanese Army force on Friday detonated three roadside bombs that had been situated near Kafr Atiri in the western sector of the security zone. The bombs, linked by a timing device, were aimed at causing a large number of casual-

Law professor and Meretz MK

Amnon Rubinstein sharply dis-

puted Hanegbi's statement, noting

that it was a Labor government,

for instance, which appointed

Shamgar as attorney-general.

Shamgar was considered to be

closely affiliated with the Likud

ney-general was never political."

Rubinstein said. "[Bar-On] is a

political creature, a party man -

something we avoided all these

Likud's central committee...

couldn't [successfully] fill a posi-

tion like this even if he were an

angel, [because] there is also the

issue of how things look," he said.

noting that even if Bar-On's deci-

sions were totally apolitical, there

would always be some who

would suspect him of politiciza-

Rubinstein also charged that

Bar-On lacked the necessary

qualifications. The last two attor-

ney-generals have been district

court judges, while the previous

two were law professors, he said.

Similar complaints were heard

from other opposition MKs. Labor faction chairman Ra'anan Cohen, for instance, charged that

Bar-On had been appointed to

help the government circumvent the law. MK Yossi Beilin (Labor)

called the appointment "the great-

est injustice the government could have done... to the rule of law in

Netanyahu rejected these

charges.
What is required of the attor-

ney-general is that he always have

the rule of law and the public

good in the forefront of his mind."

Netanyahu said, according to

lom. "I have no doubt that attor-

ney Bar-On will keep the public

good and the rule of law in the

forefront of his mind, with no

Bar-On is simply an attorney.

tion because of his background.

"A party man, a member of the

years like a dangerous fire."

"The appointment of the attor-

ideologically.

NETANYAHU'S

erts to save them

(Continued from Page 1) Netanyahu did not make the ministers privy to his plan, lest they should have foiled it. He chose to pull a surprise and, as Ariel Sharon pointed out to minis-

ters as chagrined as himself,

trust at his side - something quite

acceptable again from Netayahn's

"there is no choice but to Netanyahu took a calculated risk. He no doubt realized that the Likud and Betar background of his appointee and the lack of legal glory in his resume would raise the roof. But his bet was that when the noise died down he would have someone he could

Americanized vantage point. If he does end up with an A-G he gets along with, he will in the long run have emerged the winner. The extent to which some of the Likud's own ministers opposed the appointment nevertheless astounded many in the party. Inside the Likud, it is easily conceded that Ze'ev Binyamin Begin's opposition (the only vote cast against the appointment) was based on genuine principle. He is just that high-minded sort, despite

In the Likud it was particularly noted that stiff opposition to Bar-On came from Jerusalemite ministers who must have known him from the local branch. They say that Bar-On is earthy, not cold and distant like his predecessors. But Likud insiders assume he also made enemies inside the party in various internal squabbles and that these may well have contributed to the opposition his appointment encountered among the party's own cabinet contingent. The very Likud activity which members of the opposition harp upon is also what grated on

All that did not concern Netanyahu, whose objective was to appoint a man he could trust. Likud rumormongers say he even earmarked Yitzhak Molcho for the iob - the lawyer negotiating for him with Arafat - but that Molcho turned down the post. As things are seen from the Prime Minister's Office. Netanyahu doesn't have to send his candidate out to lobby among the ministers and win a popularity contest. If the controversial appointment survives, Netanyahu will bave made his point and won the

fellow Likudniks.

Arafat: Peace in danger **ELDAD BECK** PARIS

position toward peace talks over the weekend, total collapse. Not just in matters relating to the future of the peace process, but also concerning the agreements which we are trying to complete, accused Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's including the agreement on Hebron and the redeployment and pulling back from the rest of cabinet of introducing a new logic that threatens to bring the peace process to total collapse and Palestinian lands, and concerning the principles Arafat was at an international symposium here reference of the peace process, like the land for

peace principle. Arafat warned that the continuance and consolidation of Israel's settlement policy will make the principle of land for peace an empty

We would like here to draw the attention of the world to the consequences which would result of what is happening in our country. The peace is in danger. We must act to save the peace process from collapsing," Arafat said.

He went on to accuse Israel of putting the Palestinian territories uoder an economic blockade that is "beyond imagination." Arafat met President Chirac Friday night at his

own request. Chirac expressed France's support

tation of the agreements we have signed in Washington and in Cairo, under the auspices of Presidents Clinton and Mubarak," Arafat said. After meeting with Arafat for more than one hour, Peres said he got the impression Arafat wishes to continue negotiating with Israel; although he considers the Israeli government's stand to be extremely tough. Peres described

his meeting with Arafat as a "private discussion" and refused to give any details about its content. Peres told reporters he did not convey any message from Netanyahu to Arafat. However, he said he will inform Netanyahu about what he heard from the Palestinian

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In the picture: Maj.-Gen. (Res.) Danny Matt (I.), Dr. Avishai Braverman, and Estherica Nagid, chairwoman of Beersheba Friends of LIBI. (Photo: Nadav Neuhaus)

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the fact that in the last Likud lead-

ership primaries Bar-On support-

ed Begin and not Netanyahu.

and drink in private during the. days of Ramadan to avoid being stigmatized. Families are usually tolerant toward members who do not fast. Observance is more common among women than men.

On Friday, the first day of the fast, orders were issued to all patrolmen in Gaza to look out for Ramadan offenders, said Lt. Ahmed Ali Hashem of the Gaza police. "During the day, in all of the Gaza Strip, we didn't find anyone," Hashem said.

The chief Moslem cleric in

Jerusalem, Ikrema Sabri, said that in recent years, he has seen an increase in the number of people fasting, in part due to the presence of a Palestinian government. "The presence of a firm authority serves religion," Sabri said.

RAMADAN

Some 70,000 worshipers came to Al-Aksa Mosque compound for Friday noontime prayers.

About 3,000 police, on the alert for bombing attacks by Palestinian militants, patrolled near the mosques, closed downtown streets and frisked young Palestinian men. However, the prayers ended without incident.

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Protesters storm Bulgarian parliament

SWINGING clubs and firing guns, police broke through the ranks of some 50,000 protesters yesterday to free lawmakers trapped inside Bolgaria's
Parliament building Dozens of
people were injured.

The protesters had been blockading more than 100 legis-lators from Bulgaria's governing Socialist Party since Friday to demand new elections, complaining of low wages, high inflation and rampant crime.

"This is the anger of people who have nothing to lose," said Yordan Sokolov, parliamentary leader of the opposition Union of Democratic Forces

Bulgaria's president summoned top leaders in an attempt to persuade the ruling Socialists, who the opposition says have lost public confidence; to agree to early elections. But the meeting ended without an agreement, said a spokesman for President

The Socialists insist they have

1994 elections - to govern and will oot bow to demands from the street. Opposition leaders also called for a nationwide strike and civil disobedience.

Yesterday, students from Sofia University called a oationwide student strike. At a meeting at the university, students from throughout the Bulgarian capital

offered their support.

Although inspired hy 53 days of mostly peaceful marches against Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic in neighboring Yugoslavia, the protest in Sofia quickly turned violent.

The rampage started Friday when demoostrators broke through police cordons and into Parliament offices, where they smashed furniture and computers and set one office on fire.

Almost 100 demonstrators and at least 10 police were injured. A former anti-communist prime minister, Filip Dimitrov, was hospitalized with a concussion after being beaten in the melec. State TV showed some protesters with head injuries and said they had been beaten by police, who

Over the day, the crowd of demonstrators grew from 20,000 to more than 50,000. They chanted, "Red Mafia!" and "Elections oow!" and said they would not let Socialists out of the building until they agreed to new elec-

Authorities sent in anti-terrorist troops, and the Cabinet said the Interior Ministry had been giveo power to put an end to "illegal actions.

Early yesterday, four buses arrived at the building to rescue the lawmakers. When protesters tried to stop them, police fired warning shots and clubbed them. "Murderers!" the crowd shouted, as hundreds of police in full riot gear pushed the protesters aside to clear a path for the

trapped legislators. Sofia's emergency hospital treated dozens of people, mainly for head injuries, nurse Nely Hristova said

Well into the morniog, the crowd finally broke up. Police sealed off much of the downtown

Later yesterday, 10,000 people



An opposition protester shouts slogans against Bulgaria's ruling Socialist party in front of the presidential office in Sofia yesterday.

central square in Sofia. We start preparations for a nationwide political strike," Ivan Kostov, leader of the main anti-

Communist Union of Democratic

demonstrated peacefully in a Forces, told them. "The political and economic life io the whole country should be paralyzed." nent of the Socialists — went on national TV and radio to hlame oot approve of violence and

Socialists for the oprisiog. He said he supported the protesters taking to the streets "after being reduced to this miserable

The violence occurred oo the fourth day of demonstrations in Bulgaria, where the economy has had its worst year since the end of Communist rule in 1989.

destruction.

Sporadic bread sbortages began last summer. The economy still is 90 percent state-owned, and the Socialists have showed little inclination to privatize. Inflation

last year topped 300 percent. Crime also has spread. Police have yet to solve the slaying of former Socialist Premier Andrei Lukanov, shot outside his home last October.

Faced with a chorus of criticism, Zhan Videoov resigned in December as both premier and Socialist Party leader. Interior Minister Nikolai Dobrev was cominated Wednesday hy the Socialists to be the new premier, but the oppositioo says he has no

economic expertise. Zhelev said that because of the crisis, he would oot let the Socialists make Dohrev premier. He was to have given them the mandate to form a oew government today.

Dobrev spoke with Presidentelect Peter Stoyanov — an anti-Communist who succeeds Zhelev later this month - and agreed to begin oegotiations between the Socialists and the opposition on carly elections, the state-run BTA news agency reported. The next elections are not scheduled uotil

Kremlin: Yeltsin has stabilized

MOSCOW - Boris Yeltsin's condition stabilized yesterday, but the Kremlin gave no chie as to whether doctors had achieved a breakthrough in their battle with his pneumonia.

A Russian newspaper contemplated whether Yeltsin might consider stepping down, fuelling debate over his ability to rule following heart

surgery and now pneumonia. Regretfully, it is obvious that the president has no strength left to attend to affairs of the state properly," the liberal Komsomolskaya Pravda newspaper said of Yeltsin's struggle with pneumonia in hospital.

The presidential press service said doctors at the Kremlin hospital were treating Yeltsin with antibiotics and described him as "somewhat" more. active vesterday.

The chief Kremlin doctor, Sergei Mironov, says Yelisin has pneumonia in both lungs. On Finday, he said. doctors had not yet made a "decisive breakthrough."

The terse Kremlin statement yesterday said Yeltsin's condition had tee the reforms he has overseen are "stabilized" and described his temperature and blood pressure as normal, but it did not go into detail.

Yeltsin's latest illness, which Mironov described as "disturbing and sad," has underscored the 65year-old president's fragility and left Russia once again without a hands-

Mironov said Yeltsin might get out of the hospital next week, but would probably need at least three

more weeks to recuperate.

Let doctors and God help Boris Nikolayevich," Komsomolskaya Pravda, "But

someone should also have pity on Russia, more and more resembling a drifting piece of ice." Yeltsin spent the last half of 1996 on the sidelines with heart trouble.

After undergoing a quintuple bypass on Nov. 5, he returned to his Kremlin office two weeks ago yowing to tackle Russia's most pressing

Doctors say the pneumonia is unrelated to his heart problems, but it has left Yeltsin, who is said to be an impatient patient, depressed.

Willingly giving up power seems out of character for Yeltsin, a man who has dedicated his life to gaming and keeping power, and who says he successful.

"He is first of all a man of power," presidential Vyacheslav Kostikov once said of Yeltsin. "Power is his ideology, his friend, his concubine. his mistress, his passion."

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IRA threatens death to informers

BELFAST (Reuter) - The IRA issued a death threat to police informants on yesterday in a bid to stem tip- offs that have foiled a string of bombing raids in British-ruled Northern Ireland.

Leaders of the Irish Republican Army Belfast Brigade issued the warning as police applauded the public for a flow of information thwarting several attacks in a recent upsurge of violence.

The IRA statement said that "the Belfast Brigade of the IRA will take action against anyone placing the lives of our volunteers in danger in this

Way."

The warning came as a 27-year-old man was remanded in custody in a Belfast court on a murder conspiracy charge linked to an IRA rocket a Belfast court on a murder conspiracy charge linked to an IRA rocket. attack at the city's main law courts last Monday. "Over the past number of weeks the Belfast Brigade of the IRA has become aware that a number of people in the Belfast area have comprobecome aware that a number of people in the Belfast area have compro-

mised operations and placed the lives of volunteers in danger," their "These individuals have informed the RUC of the presence of (IRA) statement said. volunteers...by phone, even after our volunteers made it clear to them

who mey represented.

The warning was published in a weekly newspaper, the West Belfast-based Andersonstown News. The IRA flourished in parts of in West Belfast when the current era of violence started 27 years ago.

Seven killed in Colombia nightclub.attack

BOGOTA (AP) — Gummen killed seven people and wounded four early yesterday in an attack on a nightclub just outside the western city of Cali believed related to prostitution, police said.

The five gunner opened five with 38-caliber revolvers and 7.65mm pistols on people who had been dancing at the Reservados Dalina club in the city's Santa Monica district and fled in an automobile, said Cali's police chief,

Col. Benigno Pineros. Early indications suggested the killings were related to a refusal to pay commissions related to prostination, Pineros said by telephone. Six men and one woman were killed. The wounded included a

20-year-old woman hospitalized in critical condition with three bullet wounds in the head, police

Also yesterday, authorities said guerrillas killed three police officers and wounded seven residents in an attack Friday on the town of Riosucio near the Panamanian border in Choco state.

Revolutionary Forces of Colombia rebels held Riosucio for eight hours, blocking transit on the Atrato River, the

military said. Riosucio is in a remote jungle region where leftist rebels are at war with paramilitary groups bankrolled by landowners and tac-itly supported by the military.

Sinatra still hospitalized

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Frank Sinatra remained hospitalized yes service for treatment of a heart attack, but the outlook was good for the 81year-old enterrainer, his spokeswoman and the hospital said. Parametics took Sinatra to Cedars-Sinoi Medical Center early

fer

Kermamer described as "an uncomplicated heart attack.' It was the legendary singer's third hospitalization in two months. "The prognosis is good," spokes woman Susan Reynolds said. Smatra's wife, Barbara, was with her ailing husband and other family members had visited. Reynolds said.

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Peruvian president hopeful over hostages

LIMA (AP) - Looking calm and collected after weeks under pressure. President Alberto Fujimori said he is confident that his government will be able to win the release of 74 hostages that rebels hold at

In an interview with The Associated Press at the Government Palace Fujimori said rebel leader Nestor Cerpa has the pragmatic negotiating style of a union leader, and appears willing to make concessions.

He was optimistic about a peaceful outcome to the standoff, but warned it may take weeks of patient, tough negotiating. Fujimori joked that he was get-

ting used to crisis situations after 6 years of governing this turbulent Andean nation.

"I really have had so many challenges," he said, smiling, "This one is more delicate, of course, But even so. I am taking it calmly." Leftist rebels of the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement stormed a cocktail party at the Japanese ambassador's residence Dec. 17.

seizing more than 500 hostages. They have released most of the hostages, but are holding 74 to demand the freedom of jailed Tupac Amaru comrades.

Fujimori announced earlier Friday that the government had renewed talks with the hostageholders via a two-way radio, ending a two-week impasse. Negotiator Domingo Palermo spoke for several minutes with Cerpa.

More Belgrade demos, gov't said to be bending

GEORGE JAHN BELGRADE

SEEKING 10 blunt unrest, Serbia's government told protesters yesterday that it will push for quick decisions on election dispules that have turned into a major weapon against President Slobodan Milosevic.

The promise came amid reports that Milosevie had fired his premicr and was preparing to purge other key aides. The moves were clearly an effort by the authoritarian president to save face and regain the initiative in his nearly eight-week struggle against the pro-democracy movement.

Undeterred, protesters launched another mass rally designed to back demands that the regime restore opposition victories in all 14 towns won by the anti-Milosevic coalition in Nov. 17

municipal voting.

About 20,000 people chanted "resign, resign," as opposition leaders ridiculed reports that the Milosevic camp was ready for

new compromise. "We do not want to comment on rumors," said one of the leaders, Vuk Draskovic, "We know why we have been here for more than

50 days, and we shall continue!" News that the government appeared to be bending was announced by student protesters after meeting Cabinet ministers early in the day.

Representatives of the government agreed it was necessary to fully respect the will of citizens expressed at the local elections," said a statement released by the students and signed by their representatives and the government

The government pledged to order the Justice Ministry to direct local courts hearing appeals on the elections dispute to speed up their

work, said the statement. It also promised to examine students' requests that the anti-protest dean of Belgrade university be fired.

"I think the students' protest body can be satisfied," commented Dusan Vasiljevic, a students' spokesman. Nonetheless, the students planned to rally against Milosevic early in the evening. after a separate protest organized by the political opposition.

The students had demanded to see Premier Mirko Marjanovic, but were told he was "absent." said Vasiljevic. They met instead with the education minister and two deputy premiers to demand removal of police blocking anti-Milosevic protests now in their eighth week.

Independent media have reported that Marjanovic, a close aide of Serbia's President Slobodan Milosevic, has been oussed in clashes between hardliners and liberals within the ruling Socialist

An Associated Press source close to Milosevic's ruling Socialists confirmed that Marjanovic resigned. The source. who asked for anonymity, also confirmed independent media reports that Goran Percevic, a vice president of Milosevic's party, and Dragoljub Milanovic, the head of the state-run television. Milosevic's mouthpiece, have been sacked.

Marjanovic, Percevic and Milanovic are believed to be leading the hardliners who oppose any concessions to the opposition. Milosevic, seeking a way out of the worst crisis since he came to power in 1987, appears to be willing to sacrifice some of his closest



A policeman smiles as he gets an opposition coalition leaflet from a female demonstrator during a protest in Belgrade yesterday. (Remort

coalition Zajedno, or Together. have held daily protests against Milosevic's annulment of Nov. 17 election results in Belgrade, Nis and 12 other towns won by the opposition.

Some 30,000 students managed to outlast the police Thursday and through Belgrade overnight. Police have blocked marches through the capital since late last mouth.

On Wednesday, Milosevic's government acknowledged the opposition bad won Nis. Serbia's second city, along with three lesser towns conceded earlier. But so far it has adamantly refused to give up the biggest prize, control

The independent Telegraf daily reported yesterday that Milosevic might recognize all opposition victories as soon as this weekend. The move would be followed with big changes in his ruling post-

Control of Belgrade and Nis would give the opposition - better organized and united than ever

before - a chance to dent Milosevic's iron grip on the media. Milosevic's Socialists and the allied neo-Communist party of his wife, Mirjana Markovic, met Friday and issued a statement pointing out that the Socialists had won the majority of towns in the municipal elections, saying those results "cannot be denied." (AP)

Holocaust hoax prompts free speech debate

EVANSTON, Illinois (AP) — Exiled to a dusty office in an obscure corner of Northwestern University's engineering school, professor Arthur Butz has been an academic pariah for two decades for declaring that the Holocaust didn't happen.

Now he's found a forum -Northwestern's site on the World Wide Web — to reach millions of people with theories that historians find absurd.

puter users can find Butz's argument that the Nazi genocide of the Jews is "a widespread but erroneous belief," and that typhus and other factors were responsible for the deaths.

Northwestern, while repudiating Butz's beliefs, won't interfere with his right to express them on the Internet through the

"I believe his views are monstrous," said university President Henry Bienen. "But I don't want to set myself up as a censor of his views. Who decides what's distasteful? Do you make general law around bad cases?"

Butz's posting has infuriated any number of groups, who argue the school has no reason to give the tenured professor what amounts to a free billboard.

The issue has been muddied by the university's decision not to rehire another teacher who was so outraged by Butz's views that he taught a lesson on the Holocaust in an engineering

The teacher, Sheldon Epstein, was told last fall that his contract would not be renewed, at least in part because he strayed from the course material in assigning students to research and write about

the Holocaust. "I read his Web page and said this stuff doesn't belong on Northwestern's site," Epstein, who polled bis students and found that many knew little or nothing about the Holocaust,

"I owed it to my students." Butz was trained in engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the University of Minnesota. His area of expertise includes arcane fields such as

digital signal processing.

Among students of the Holocaust, though, he is notorious. Although he has no formal training in bistory, he is the author of a 1976 book, The Hoax of the 20th Century, bas publisbed his arguments in the student newspaper, and is prominent among Holocaust deniers.

Butz, a soft-spoken man with thick glasses, defends his right to university has this server available for personal use, then it's perfectly appropriate for me to have this," Butz said.

The question is whether the university has the right to say, We're not comfortable having that promoted under the aegis of Northwestern University," countered Rabbi Abraham Cooper of the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles.

Legal experts said that, as a private institution, the university can place limits on what is posted on its Internet server,

Some schools, including Cornell University, bave gone that route, devising guidelines for what is and is not acceptable on the university's Internet serv-

Abraham Haddad, chairman of the electrical engineering depart-ment at Northwestern, said the difference between Epstein and Butz is that Butz keeps his opinions out of the classroom.

A university source who spoke on condition of anonymity said the school is seeking to buy out Butz to get him to leave Northwestern. Butz and Bienen refused to comment.

In any case, Haddad said the department hopes Butz, 62, will leave soon.

"He's marginal. He teaches his his Web page. "As long as the classes, that's about it," Haddad said. "We give him an office where no one can find him.'

New row over Berlin Holocaust memorial

BERLIN (Reuter) - Germany's long-delayed project to build a memorial for Jews murdered in the Holocaust ran into trouble on Friday when a panel of planners was unable to agree on what sort of monument they

Ignatz Bubis, head of the Central Council of Jews in Germany, said it was important that the monument be built and rejected a suggestion by one bistorian on the panel that the existing designs be discarded. We have been at this now for over 10

vears and it is time we began seeing this monument realised," Bubis said at the start of a three-day meeting.
"I ask that we not begin again from square

Debate on the design raged since an

artist's competition in the summer of 1995 produced two withers, whose ideas were

The new monument, to be located a shortwalk from the Reichstag parliament building in the heart of Berlin, was to have taken the form of a gravestone the size of a football field with the names of 4.2 million Jewish dead which are on record.

That plan, however, was slammed by members of the Jewisb community, who said it erased the memory of the anonymous victims of the Holocaust, and by Chancellor Helmut Kohl, who called it "too gigantic."

Berlin Culture Senator Peter Radunksi welcomed the controversy as a vital discussion for Germans about their past.

This conflict on the right design keeps the memories alive more than a harmonious and problem-free ritual ever could," Rudunski said.

Historian Eberhard Jaeckel, addressing the panel, said there important reasons why the project bad to be completed.

"The murders did not take place in only one location, and certainly not only in Germany," Jaeckel said.

Those murdered do not bave a grave and therefore one central memorial, in Germany, should be built for them."

But another historian, Juergen Kocka, doubted that any of the proposed designs could fulfil the intended purpose of a national Holocaust memorial. "A memorial in Berlin must express the

sadness, the excesses of inbumanity and above all, must express our shame," Kocka

"I do not know if there is a memorial that can depict all of this."

minor offenses.

The group of 60 historians, artists, politicians and community leaders will meet again in February and April before making its final recommendations for the 15 million mark (\$11 million) project.

UK minister enrages Scots with beggars comment

LONDON (Reuter) - A government minister stirred up a homet's nest of criticism yesterday when he said most of the beggars on Britain's streets were Scottish.

Home Office Minister David Maclean, himself a Scot, said the

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homeless chose to live that way "I always give them something

per. "Most of them are Scottish and I've never met one yet who politely and gently asked for

There are no genuine beggars. Those who are in need have got all the social benefits they require."

mind," Maclean told a newspa-

The opposition Labor Party said his remarks were an insult to Scots everywbere.

Outraged Labor member of parliament Henry McLeish, also a Scot, said: "David Maclean's comments are disgraceful and an

The plight of homeless beggars has become a hot topic in Britain since Labor leader Tony Blair this week backed a New York-style "zero tolerance" approach to policing the streets in which there would be a crackdown even on

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Rescued yachtsman thought he would die

THREDBO, Australia (AP) - After four days in an air pocket of his overturned yacht, a makeshift harnmock holding him above the icy Antarctic seas. Tony Bullimore thought he might die.
"I started asking myself questions

like. Am I really preparing my grave?" the British sailor said yesterday aboard the Australian warship that rescued him.

He was lying down during the interview with Australian television, wrapped in a thermal blanket. Bullimore, 56, was competing in a

round-the-world yacht race when the keel of his boat cracked during a storm, like 'breaking a matchstick." "It just went snap, and within seconds -- literally within a few seconds

— the boat was sitting upside down with me sitting inside the boat, sitting and standing and stiding around on the roof with water slowly seeping in." he said, "And as you can imagine, in a major storm it's not a very nice way to hang about really, is it?" Bullimore kept dry during his ordeal by rigging a hammock of cargo nets in the overturned cabin.

He was rescued on Tuesday by the crew of the HMAS Adelaide, who had feared Bullimore had been swept away to sea. The rescuers tapped on the hull of the boat, and were elated when they heard tapping back. Bullimore then

emerged from the water, after swim-

ming out from under the boat in the

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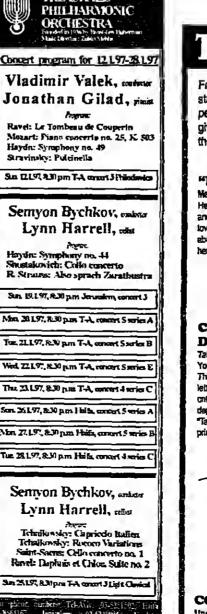
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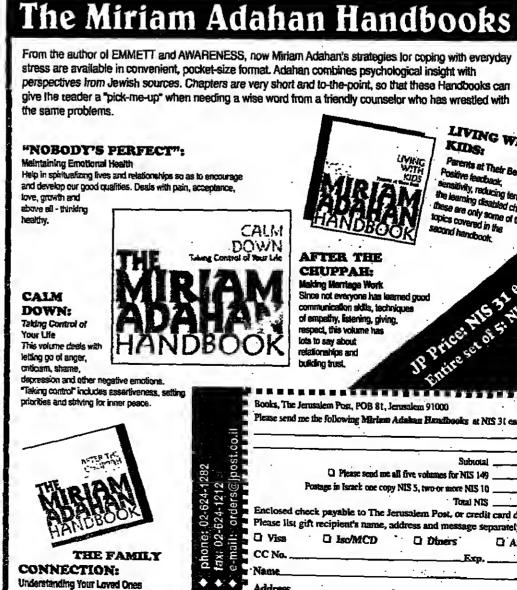


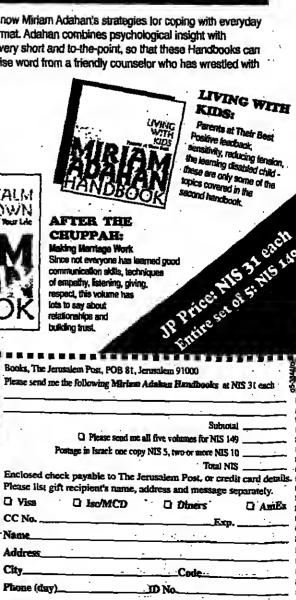
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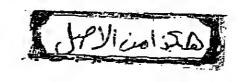
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Impressive Internet site will boost interest in Knesset in each of the four religious parties in the First

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The Knesset may not be the most dignified, intelligent or disciplined parliament on earth but at least its new Intertet site is one of the most effective, interesting and advanced sites to reflect the past and present of a democratic legisla-

Launched a few weeks ago at a festive ceremony in the parliament's Chagall Hall, the cyberspace site (http://www.knesset.gov.il) has so far been visited by tens of thousands of people here and abroad.

The editor of the site, Dr. Susan Hanis Rolef, and the head of the Knesset's computer department, Arik Fischel, believe the Web site will restore some of the parliament's lost prestige and inject healthy public involvement into the legislative process.

For the ceremonial launch, hundreds of Knesset

staffers, computer experts and other guests filled the hall, whose bay windows overlooking lerusalem were temporarily covered with hlack nylon sheets in order to better see the movie-screen-size on-line demonstration. Among the enthusiastic participants were Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Communications Minister Limor Livnat. The premier and Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon symbolically cut a red ribbon - not with scissors, but on the Screen, by manipulating a computer mouse.

Initiated by Liknd MK Michael Eitan and imple-

mented by a large number of computer professionals and Knesset staffers, the site allows Internet users around the world to hear live action from the plenum, listen to a recording of David Ben-Gurion's declaration of the establishment of the state or Menachem Begin's Knesset welcome to Egyptian president Anwar Sadat, study the biographies of all MKs since 1948, check an updated calendar of Knesset events and send personal input to MKs about burning issues.

Users are able to examine full texts of bills at various stages of the legislative process and send personalized e-mail to individual MKs, voicing their views. One can even search the site to find out how many times Netanyahu, for example, used the word "peace" in his plenum speeches during a specific Knesset session.

The premier said the new site brings to Israel "Athenian democracy in a 21st-century version. Information is power, and this is what is being given to Israeli citizens. We are working towards the decentralization of information, without intermediaries... This is a big step towards the information

The premier added that the added value produced by Israeli information-technology knowhow was worth more than gold or oil deposits. This is the basis for prosperity and making Israel a great world



The Knesset website homepage can be accessed at http://www.knesset.gov.il

economic power. I am not exaggerating.... You won't recognize the change in the country - for the better - if not in four years, then within a decade."

Communications Minister Limor Livnat noted that the Internet remains a "frightening black hole for much of the public." More must be done to educate people about this new technology, she said, and to make it toore accessible.

The bulk of the hundreds of pages of information appears in Hebrew; a Knesset tour (via color photographs) of the building and Jerusalem views from its roof is presented in both languages. Historical and background information has been translated into English. An Arabic translation has not been provided, says Eitan, due to major technical problems and because "nearly all Arabic-speaking Internet surfers

have a good command of English if not Hebrew." Hattis Rolef, a Knesset library/information service staffer who spent a year preparing texts, says she had trouble even getting an accurate list of all MKs to serve since 1948. In the existing Knesset lists, Shimon Peres was listed in the Third Knesset as having been a representative of Agudat Yisrael. And much as I tried, I couldn't find how many MKs were

in checking facts and making sure there was no unfair partisanship. Dudu Rashty, a Hebrew University Internet "genius," was responsible for much of the planning. The Internet site operates through the country's largest provider. Netvision, and is not linked directly to the Knesset's central computer, so that it cannot be "infected" by virus-Fischel says that about 70% of the people who es from outside. have gone into the site so far are localsand the rest

She used a book by MK Amnon Rubinstein on constitutional law and her own Political Dictionary of the State of Israel for information. She also sat

down with retiring Knesset Clerk Shmue!

Ya'acobson, the Knesset's accountant, Ya'acov

Lemberger (who is also about to retire) and other

veteran staffers to reconstruct missing information.

Former Likud MK Eliahu Ben-Elissar was helpful

are from abroad. The proportion of those who have sent e-mail to MKs is about half and half; about 100 e-mail messages come in on an average day. Fische! says the system will no longer accept e-mail messages for ministers, because it is too much work for computer department staffers; instead, correspondents are referred to each ministry's Internet site. He hopes to present photographs of MKs who are speaking in the plenum at any moment to accompany the site's real-time audio broadcasts of Knesser

Except for aficionados like MKs Eitan and Meir Sheetrit, most MKs still know little or nothing about the Internet. Those who don't collect their e-mail receive it delivered in printed form. But a growing number of them are asking their parliamentary assistants how it works.

Fischel notes that "rules of the game" are being prepared to ensure that the system isn't abused by MKs for propaganda purposes. A moderator watches what goes out. Hattis Rolef notes that one of the most exciting developments are the on-line discussion groups of bills presented to the Knesset, and that MKs were bound to pay attention to outsiders'

The Knesset site has so impressed others in government that it is sure to lead to the establishment of

other other state-linked sites. "When Supreme Court President Justice Aharon Barak saw it, he said he wanted a Supreme Court site too," says Fischel. "The Finance Ministry has put the whole state budget, line by line, on its site, and anybody can know exactly how public money is allocated. Perhaps even more important than the Knesset site itself is the fact that it will lead to the easy access of a wide variety of government infor-

The 'I Love Israel' CD-ROM gives a good general overview of the country to visitors. (Mike Horton)

(Almost) all you need to know about Israel on CD-ROM Christian tourists, who may want

Love Israel, a CD-ROM in Hebrew and English (with parts translated into Russian) for all ages, produced by Rolnik Publishers, distributed exclusively by The Jerusalem Post Books Department, NIS 275, complete with Hebrew-English/English-Hebrew pocket dictionary and flash cards.

Rating: four-and-a-half stars out

of five.
The 1996 tourism statistics show that many would-be visitors - Jews and non-Jews - were deterred from visiting Israel by frightening headlines that make the country seem in the throes of chaos. If the Tourism Ministry were to distribute a disk like this to sympathetic Christians and Jews abroad, users would get a more balanced view of Israel as a fun, varied and exciting place - and even prepare for their visit with Hebrew lessons.

It was initiated by Amos Rolnik, whose publishing firm has for four decades produced postcards, posters, T-shirts and other tourism and Hebrew-traching parapherna-lia. He approached London's World ORT Union, which enthusiastically supported his CD-ROM idea, along with MallMedia, Melitz and the World Zionist Organization's Department of Education and Culture in the Diaspora. The result is a very imaginative and enjoyable program for potential supporters of, and visitors to, Israel.

The user is first introduced to the Hebrew letters, both printed and cursive, with a computerized English-Hebrew, Russian-Hebrew dictionary containing thousands of words used in daily conversations (which would also be helpful to new immigrants already living here). Click a word, and the Hebrew and its translation is sounded out. You also get a Jewish quotation printed on the bottom of the screen, and an interesting explanation of the origins of Hisbrew, including the ancient pictograph for each letter. To help users remember the letter, talented graphic artists have produced an animated scene to illustrate: a figure takes a hite out of the lener alef to illustrate the word ochel, which

DISK-COVERY JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

begins with alef and means food: There is also a Hebrew conversation guide especially for tourists. The Hebrew lessons are not a replacement for ulpan, but if studiously followed will give a good first grasp of the language; a multiple-choice quiz on the words and

letters is a nice touch. Another section, aimed at novices, presents "Hatikva" in song and bilingual text; 15 humorous proposals for an "improved" Israeli flag, a gallery of stereotypical Israeli characters, the biblical origins of 15 popular Hebrew names; and a short explanation of four popular Bible stories, illustrated with 15 children's drawings. There is also a "Map of the Sea of Halacha," giving background on Jewish sages, settings and terms from ancient times.

A full-color, 10-minute video of Israeli scenes, from the Golan to Eilat, is presented; just sit back and watch (the film is not for haredim, who would disapprove of the shots of girls in bikmis). For a more active role, click dots on a map to see a gallery of dozens of beautifu' photos. (For some reason, Beersheba, Israel's fourth-largest city, is totally and unfairly left out of both the video and photo sec-

The disk is topped off with an imaginative feature teaching Hebrew using comics: there are 92 animated frames (an English translation can be clicked on if you wish) telling the story of new immigrant Ruti and [Rolnik graphic artist] David, falling in love, getting married and producing sabra twins (who won't have to buy this

disk to learn Hebrew). My only criticism is that Rolnik was trying to reach out to several diverse groups at once: new immigrants from English-speaking countries who want to learn Hebrew; Jews in Russia, who should have a completely Russian disk of their own; Diaspora nearassimilated Jews who may not want to learn Hebrew, and

more references to their faith as reflected in the Holy Land. But this is a very good start, and if Rolnik reaches the right market, it could produce specialized disks for each group along this model.

3-D PC Explorer, an edutainment CD-ROM for adults and teenagers, in Hebrew, by N.S.E. Software, 1 Rehov Hahashmal, Kiryat Ono,

Four-and-a-half stars out of five. Most drivers know little more about the insides of their cars than how to fill the gas tank, the tires and the windshield-washer bottle. Most computer users are the same. As long as it works, who cares what's a CPU (central processing unit the big box holding all the

chips, disk drives and modern). But Amir Nativ, an experienced computer expert, decided to produce this serious yet clever disk for those who want to know how the thing works - for a computer course, general information, knowing something when you have to call the technician or being able to converse with computer "freaks."

The clever thing is that it manages to explain a great deal even though it hardly uses any text. You start with a three-dimensional computer on your own screen; you must click on the screen-on-screen button or nothing will work. Click on the keyboard and learn what functions the various groups of keys perform; click on the screenon-screen and learn about image resolution and 256 colors. Click on the CPU, and you'll finally understand how the various disk drives do what they do.

The on-screen, alphabetized manual opens to present dozens of subjects, each of which is illustrated with three-dimensional animation and Hebrew voice-overs. Complex functions are explained using simple objects, such as bookshelves, an abacus, a treasure chest and rings traveling along rods. If you really get into it, DRAM, CPU bus, DMA, cache, local bus I/O and the rest of the alphabet soup of computers will no longer be a puz-

Study: Israelis are less healthy than they think

POST HEALTH REPORTER

sraelis may not be as bealthy as they think. When Hillel Yaffe Hospital io Hadera examined a random sample of 1,000 men and women of all ages who coosidered themselves healthy, about 10% were found to suffer from irregular heart activity: 10% bad hypertensioo; 35% had too-high cholesterol levels in their blood; and 16% suffered from cataracts or high interocular pressure in their

In addition, 14% were signifi-cantly overweight and 12% had higher-than-average levels of sugar in their blood, Fully 16% of the women were found to have pathological signs for lesions (not necessarily cancerous) in the breast or cervix, and 15% of the men had an eolarged prostate.

The examinations were conducted over a period of a year, and publicized as part of a special health day organized by the Hadera Municipality, Magen David Adom, and Teva Pharmaceuticals, along with the hospital's physical exam center. All the people who underwent physical examinations felt healthy, hut if not treated, their hidden conditions could become serious and eveo fatal.

Disclosed in the latest issue of Merkahton Livriut (published hy Kupat Holim Clalit and the Pharmacists' Association), the findings were regarded as worrisome by Hillel Yaffe doctors, who stressed the importance of catching conditions in time, before they cause

NEW AND OLD

Everything you need to know about geriatric services around the country is now available on a computer program at Yad Sarah branches in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa and Beersheba. The services are listed according to place of resideoce and according to topic. The service, established in

cooperation with the Joint Distribution Committee and Eshel, includes information on old-age homes, golden-age clubs, nursing services, supply of hot meals, day centers, transport services and vacations for the elderly. In addition, all services provided by Yad Sarah including the lending of medical equipment, geriatric dental clinics, emergency beepers and meals on wheels - are on the program. Those interested in information can call any of the four branches and get answers by mail or fax.

Europe's cold, wet weather comes at Israel's expense

ur winter has so far been unseasonably warm, and the weather in Europe has been very cold. Is there o connection? Do the low-pressure fronts. expend themselves in Europe, leaving little in the form of rain for the Middle East? Eric,

Nahariya. Margalit Reichman, o meseorolist at the Meteorological Service in Beit Dogan, replies:

In general, if you look at the big picture, rain and cold in one region usually comes at the expense of another region. If, as is occurring in Europe, a low-pressure cold front remains for a prolonged period, the energy and moisture that it contains do expend themselves, leaving less for the Middle East. But it also happens that wintry weather in our region goes together with warmer weather in Europe. The weather goes in waves, so we hope to see more rain in January and February than we have so far.

When my child got off a rollercoaster in an amusement park, he told me that for some time he felt he was still moving. When I finish walking on a treadmill, I also get the feeling that I'm speeding. What is it in the brain that causes this? Anita, Tel Aviv.

Dr. Yoel Norman, a Haifa University psychologist who is an expert in visual perception, answers:

TELL ME WHY JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

Your question refers to the pheootoenon called motion aftereffect. It was first written about, referring to the "waterfall illusion," in the 19th century: if you look at a waterfall, and then turn away to look at so ary, you feel it's moving upwards. Yoo bave satiated the brain's motion mechanism and looked at another image, providing an opposite reaction. It's the same with the treadmill. If the effect of the rollercoaster lasted a long time, it's possible that the balance mechanism in the cars was involved as well.

What is the physical or chemical explanation for why hot water washes dishes, or clothes, much more easily than cold water, even without detergent? Laurie, Kfar Prof. Nissim Garty, head of the

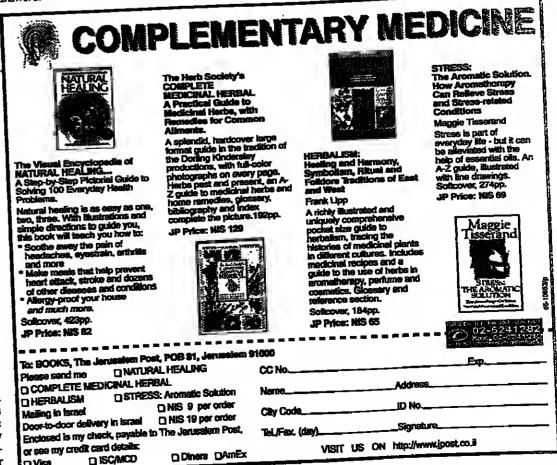
Hebrew University's Casali Institute for Applied Chemistry in Jerusalem, replies:

Washing dirty dishes or clothing in hot water is faster and more effective than doing so in cold water. This is because the chemical bonds holding the dirt, especially the fats, are dissolved better and faster with hot water. The molecules of the dirty material free

themselves from the solid plate or piece of clothing to the rinse water more easily when hot water is used. If a detergent is used, the process is even quicker and more effective, as such chemicals assist to the solubilizing of the organic

NOTE: Regarding queries about a previous column's question about bow to reverse the clouding of crystal washed in a dishwas Dr. Shimon Goldstein, chief chemist for the Shemen company (which makes dishwasher detergent), disputes the statement by Hebrew University professor Nissim Garty that such damage is reversible by using a non-ionic detergent. He says that crystal should not be put in the oishwasher, as detergents used are "too aggressive" for delicate crystal. and cause an actual change in the crystal, which cannot be reversed. rather than just a reversible change in the electrical charge.

Have you always wondered about the scientific explanation for ordinary phenomena? Now you can get an answer. Mail your question to TELL ME WHY, The Jerusalem Post. POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem, fax it to (02) 5389527. or send it by e-mail to jusie@jpost.co.il. Please include your first name and place of resi-





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Milosevic must go

T is both frightening and enlightening to at last seen through behold how dictators who have dragged If the French have their people and their neighbors through the most frightening realities of human barbarity become naive innocents when their bluff is

The Belgrade government yesterday appeared to be drifting slowly to a conclusion that would take eight minutes rather than eight weeks to deduce in a normal democracy - that opposition victories at elections should be accepted because that's the way the people want it.

"The Serbian government representatives agreed with the necessity that the will of the citizens expressed at local elections must be fully respected," said the Serbian deputy prime minister, who went on to claim the government had believed so all along. One therefore might wonder what all the demonstrations, international fuss and European fact-finding missions have been about for the past two months

The opposition Zajedno coalition claimed it won in 14 of Serbia's 18 largest cities, including the capital Belgrade, but Milosevic's dictatorship annulled the victories, claiming unspecified "irregularities." The cancellation triggered an eight-week wave of daily street protests by Belgrade students and Zajedno supporters which became the most serious challenge to leftist rule in Serbia in the last 52 years. Last week the Serbian government, under enormous foreign pressure and support for the student demonstrators, ordered the election commission in the second city, Nis, to concede the ruling socialist party's election loss there.

It is not necessary to go so far back as Adolf Hitler's Berlin bunker under the rubble of Europe to find other childish dreams of impending victory floating in the surreal air only hours before the whole fantasy collapses. Today we have Slobodan Milosevic, a Balkan butcher and unrepentant communist thug. He is - as The Washington Post sarcastically pointed out this week - the respected leader of "the real Serbia [which] is populated almost exclusively by honest, hard-working citizens who support their government and have little patience with the demonstrations for democracy that have been snarling the streets of Belgrade for weeks." This, as the Post commented, is a "near mythical Serbia." But then, Bosnia, Croatia and Macedonia came near to becoming part of the Milosevic myth just as they once (along with Serbia) actually became part of the Hitlenian nightmare.

The fact that partisan Serbians fought so bravely against that twisted regime leaves the world all the sadder that Serbs and the rest of the Balkans have had to put up with this nasty dictator and his surrogate henchmen for so long. There is little the rest of the world could do about it, given Europe's stern principles of noninterference in internal politics, but the Serbs of Belgrade have proved in past weeks that nothing is so transparent as a dictator everyone has

If the French have long prided themselves on their stoic endurance when it comes to civilian disobedience against high-handed governments, the Serbs have proved in the wind, snow and rain of a Belgrade winter that they can outdemonstrate French unions and Czech velvet revolutionaries alike. True. Milosevic is still there - still lying and squirming and skin-saving

and getting away with whatever covert oppression the international media spotlight misses but the Internet warriors of Belgrade are getting out anyway. But his days are numbered and what the Belgrade crowds are doing is not so much getting rid of a corrupt government but finding the dignity to fortify themselves for facing the

Over the past five years the Serb name has become synonymous across the world with warmongening, cruelty, barbarism, and lust for conquest unparalleled in Europe since the Nazi era. Even the prisoner of war camps in Bosnia caused Europeans to recoil in horror at the recognition once again of emaciated tortured skeletons which were their fellow continental citizens. The even-handed and politically correct may continue to argue that all sides were to blame, all sides committed atrocities, war is hell - whatever - but the truth is that what happened to Yugoslavia after the fall of communism was mainly a Serbian crime, brought about by Serbian expansionism, made ugly by Serbian ethnic cleansing and a racist hatred of Bosnia's Moslems surpassed in its monstrosity only by that Nazi hatred of Jews.

Yesterday the important student element among the demonstrating crowds in Belgrade managed to inject a lighter and more humorous note into their street drama by giving soldiers and police flowers and creating street shows to entertain their elders. These are the actions of populist revolutionaries who know they have already won, because they know the ordinary policemen and soldiers are wavering between orders and enlightenment. We have seen it in Portugal, in the Philippines, in Poland and in former Czechoslovakia, and the revolution was on the winning side. The equally fed-up demonstrators of Bulgaria admit cheerfully they are now taking their cue and their example from the citizens of Belgrade.

That is not to say Milosevic and his henchmen are not still as dangerous as any cornered rats. The final success of the other populist democratic revolutions mentioned above came only because the world railied behind them and the media maintained interest. The people's call for real European democracy must not fail in Serbia. It is time for Milosevic to go; he has done more than enough damage and his day is done. It is time for the demonstrators' voices to become the new law because they, in the streets, have redeemed the bonor of decent Serbs and can take their place, with pride, among the nations of Europe, old and new.

English is everybody's

went to a birthday party recent-ly. Not your usual bash with sushi canapes, but a rather more modest affair at the Pension Reich in Jerusalem.

It was anended by several hundred keen but aging fans of Raphael Gefen, former chief inspector of English at the Ministry of Education.

The pink-cheeked and whitehaired Gefen, who retired five years ago, is not a party man in any sense of the word. "But damn it Ray," saidhis wife Yael, "you're

Yael and Raphael Gefen are rare birds today. London-born, they joined a youth movement and came here in the '50s to help build the Labor Zionist enterprise. They were not very interested in money, and live a lifestyle in Beit Hakerem that used to be called plain living and high thinking.

In case this sounds insufferable, let me point out that everybody at this party seemed to be having a grand old time. Kibbutzniks from the north, regional inspectors, aca-demics, teacher trainers, textbook .. writers, friends, neighbors and grandchildren dug into their chicken quarters and cole slaws with gusto.

ing hats and long floppy skirts mingled cheerfully with women in sweaters, pants and Marks and Spencers blouses.

Nobody was at each other's throats. Nobody was droning on about values, Jewish or otherwise. Discourse was downright pleasant if not bubbly.

In short, it was a gathering of jolly Jewish - and a few Arab puritans of all shades and stripes. The reason they had shlepped to

Jerusalem on a winter afternoon to honor a man who no longer wielded any power was because Gefen changed a lot of people's lives.

The fact that Israeli English matriculation examination levels are among the highest in the world, that teacher trainers from abroad often attend workshops bere, and that Israel actually exports English textbooks has a lot to do with Gefen.

Gefen's younger brother Alec got up and shared early memories of his brother when the coins ran out for the gas meter. That was part of a British working-class childhood 60 years

So were the cloth school maps where large parts of the world were painted red - which, oddly enough, meant they were part of the Brinsh Empire. Millions of

PICTURE POSTSCRIPT

SUSAN BELLOS

people all over the world owed their allegiance to the British Crown, and they all read, if not quite spoke, what was then the King's English.
What is more, a group of young men at Cambridge University, including the control and a Value of the control

including the seminal critic I.A. Richards, actually got together in the 1930s and devised a plan to promote British world begemony by means of the English lan-

When Gefen, a Hashomer Hatzsir kibbutznik, joined the English inspectorate in the '60s,

Not long ago, I helped honor a man who changed a lot of people's lives

he was informed by the German Jewish junta then running English teaching in this country that "The point of teaching children English is to get them to read the litera-

What this boiled down to was everal generations of extremely bored sabra and immigrant kids being forced to read Shakespeare in English, as if, like cod liver oil, it was good for them. It also meant Keats, Shelley, Byron and Lord Macaulay's Letter to His

Apart from being extremely elitist, this wasn't much good for most people's English. In fact, unlike today, when many pupils are highly motivated to learn English, it was a far from popular

HOWEVER, strange things were happening in the '60s. Some very fine English language literature was also being wrinen by people with funny names like Bellow, V.S. Naipul, Malamud and Roth, not to mention Vladimir Nabokov.

Things have come to such a pass today that if you want to keep up with contemporary English language literature you are obliged to read books written by people with even funnier names like Salman Rushdie, Vikram Seth, Timothy Mo and Michael Ondaatje; Ben Okri, Hanif Kureishi, and Kazuo Ishiguro.

In other words, English belongs 10 the world. Billions of people who have little or nothing to do with what was once called the nalist.

Anglo-Saxon hentage think. work, communicate, create and even bave fun in English.

Raphael Gefen doggedly point-ed out both in the '60s and from 1970, when he became chief inspector, that the world had changed. Teaching English as a foreign language was no longer a form of cultural imperialism.

The aim was not to get Israeli children to study a mythical England of snowy Christmases and upper-class young people called Amelia, Fauntleroy and Ivanboe. Rather, he noted, while being called a philistine and worse by the junta, the aim was teaching pupils English as a language of world communica-

Long before the Internet, that meant communicating about things that were "relevant" - i.e. important to you - and "authentic," - i.e. that reflected your real life, say in Kiryat Hayovel or Tira.

But language learning was far more than a tool. To Gefen, once a Marxist, always an Idealist, learning English was very much about

"Learners," be wrote in the lively and argumentative English Teachers Journal, which he founded and edited for many years, "should come away from the English lesson not only having learned some linguistic items, but also having learned some-thing about life." In case you were wondering what happened when Shakespeare went down the drain, the short answer is that it

Pupils up to enjoying Hamlet, that great drama of adolescence. study it in translation in literature classes. For Hamlet, like Crime and Punishment, War and Peace. Oedipus Rex and the Bible. belongs to the world too.

A few spoilsports among today's school population may not quite be ready for Tolstoy or Sophocles in translation. However, apart from sending love letters on e-mail, most of them can give intelligible street directions, read labels, and criticize the prime minister in fairly fluent

English. If you don't think that's much of an achievement, try chatting in English with a bunch of teenagers in Rome, Athens, or even Copenhagen.

They may have funny accents, but you'll get a lot more change ont of the Israelis

The writer is an education jour-

Hebron hype

A.M. ROSENTHAL

TESTERN journalism has just grasped a real-ity about the Israeli-Arab negonations that has been known to Arab, Israeli and Western diplomats for at least a month: The delay in signing an agreement on Hebron is far more the result of Yasser Arafat's Binyamin strategy than Netanyahu's.

When Arafat's latest roadblock made that clear, he made an important statement. There are more burning issues than signing the agreement." Exactly — and Arafat has known it all along.

But for three months, the issue of how and when the Israelis should pull out of the last major West Bank town nor yet turned over to the Palestinians has been blown up by the West and the Arabs as desperately critical.

The hype was started in October by President Clinton, who declared Hebron his top Mideast priority. The atmosphere of do-or-die crisis smothered the central reality of Arab-Israeli relations.

No agreement on Israeli evacu-ation of a particular town or patch of countryside can bring peace unless conditions for peace can be met. These are enduring security, reciprocity and national commitments to move toward peace, not to use the agreement to mount more pressures, more

This is not a sudden revelation, but at least a half-century old:

The world sees sees of Israeli-Arab negotiations as unrelated snapshots. They are really like a continuous motion pieture, played over and over.

First it showed Arab states answering Israel's creation by vowing to fight it to the death the real story line. Scene after scene then showed Arabs following armistices by ceaseless military and economic pressures on

After Israel returned to Egypt the huge Sinai Desert, captured in 1967 during one of the Arab wars against Israel. Egyptians made the agreed peace so nasty it became not even cold peace; but cold was

In 1994, when the Labor government offered to return the Golan Heights to Syria, the local dictator recoiled in honor at the

NOW Prime Minister Netanyahu, at great political risk, is going along with the Hebron turnover. He did not get all the security guarantees he wanted. But Natan Sbaransky, one of the most respected members of his cabinet, tells me Israel got enough so that he can vote for the agree-

He says the new Arafat condinion - an automatic timetable for more withdrawals without regard to Palestinian conduct - is unaccéptable.

Éver since Netanyahu's election, Arab reaction to him has been revealing.

The Egyptians distribute a sew-erful of vile articles about him. And the Arab world acts as if Israelis have no right to change governments - unless the new one pleases them. The world nods in sympathy.

Arafat is continuing a tested policy .- concentrate Western and Arab pressure hard against Israel when Israel displeases Arabs. Count on pressure, and terrorism, to soften Israel. Then move on next scene, same movie.

Netanyahu has his own strategy. He wants to show the world he is negotiating in good faith, even within an agreement he distrusts_

If the Palestinians return the good faith, fine for all. If not, Netanyahu will theoretically be free to say Oslo did not work and insist on something new: getting something for something, like acceptable security and boundaries, and tangible reciprocity, not uncashable

Meanwhile, he is subduing his own political personality and emphasis on the list of Palestinian noncompliance. There's a limit to how long he can do that.

Already his own representatives

abroad seem a bit wistful in public, a characteristic absolutely nerve-racking in Israeli diplo-

Netanyahu's strategy has the US in mind, perhaps too much. If it works, there can be another party on the White House lawn. If not, President Cliuton should give the Israeli leader something bet-

He can take US pressure off Israel to sign agreements that carnot lead to peace. And he can back two out of the three condinions for peace Netanyahn out-lined to Congress: security and reciprocity. The third, a democracy as negotiating partner, remains of course a fantasy.

(Courtesy of the New York Times)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FLOTILLA 13

Sir, - 1 refer to Steve Rodan's article of December 13, "Daring missions deep down under." I am the author of Flotilla 13 - The story of Israel's naval commandos - a 740-page book comprising most of the Floulla activities. I received official full access to topsecret occuments and interviewed about 100 men. Had Mr. Rodan referred 19 my book, some mistakes would have been avoided.

1. Ami Ayalon was not the "odd man out" - he was a skilled frog-man who sank an Egyptian M.T.B. (Operation "Escort"). He received a citation for his bravery on Green Island.

2. The analysis of accidents is wrong - there were much worse days. 3. It seems that Adm. Almog was the only Flotilla C.O. and that only due to him did the navy survive. Some Flotilla 13 veterans fail to agree. The same applies to all other admirals. MIKE ELDAR

by being around long enough.

A case in point is Yitzhak

Molcho, who is now routinely

described by your paper as "a top

negonator in the Hebron talks.

One could ask how he came to

deserve this accolade. For the past

three months, he has been

involved in negotiations that.

Haruzim

Paris.

Sir, - For over two years, I have been asking the Haifa Municipality to install one light bulb in a very dark corner of a flight of steps, leading from Central Carmel down to Hadar. This is a scenic road with a magnificent view of Haifa Bay right up to Rosh Hanikra. The routine reply which I

received was that there was no Sir, - It is interesting how people in the news acquire validity simply

concluded in the next few days... hours... soon..." and at the time of writing "tonight."

He replaced experienced diplo-mats and high-ranking army and ex-army personnel. I understand that as a private lawyer, Mr. Molcho enjoys the highest respect. (Presumably he negotiated excel-

ODD BEDFELLOWS

Sir, - I refer to Uri Avnery's ad of December 20, "True friendship." Anti-Zionism certainly makes strange bedfellows! Here we have Gush Shalom's Uri Avnery, a journalist whose political views are further left than those of Pol Pot, in cahoots

with eight right-wing US statesmen. Irresponsible bad will towards Israel is the sole cement holding together the strange coalition of foreign right-wing political figures and far-left extremists such as Uri Avnery and his comrades in the socalled Peace camp. Their blind and frequently malicious support for the terrorist dictator Arafat and his stormtroopers' dream of destroying Israel, against the democratic prime minister of Israel struggling to prevent such a possibility, may yet bring calamity upon the entire Middle East and the whole world.

If you go far enough to the left, you complete a circle, ending up attached to the extreme far-right and vice versa. TRUDY GEFEN

Kiryat Ono.

THE HAIFA MUNICIPALITY

FRANÇOIS ABKIN

NEW TWINNING

ARRANGEMENT

Sir, · A very minor but highly

significant event took place in

First, the National Front mayor

of the southern town of Toulon

refused to award a literary prize to

the French Jewish writer Marek

decision was the very fact that

Halter is a Jew. Nobody in France,

Jew or non-Jew, thought other-

wise. The National Front has an

obvious antisemitic and neo-Nazi

Then, the Israeli Municipality

of Herzliya decided to cancel its

twinning with Toulon. Toulon's

mayor didn't waste any time. A

couple of days later, the

Toulon

Municipality of Toulon announced that it had just con-

cluded another twinning, this time

with the PA-governed town of

The clear motivation for that

France a few days ago.

agenda

budget available right now. The writer promised, however, that in the 1996 budget (April), it would be considered. The outlay is very small, and compared to the enormous amount of money our mayor than enough. I find the lack of is spending on what he thinks the consideration of the mayor for his town needs, is out of all proporciuzens' requests rather annoying, tion to the installation of one light bulb, even if this necessitates an additional lamppost

PEACE NEGOTIATOR from the day he was brought into the picture, were "expected to be

1997 is upon us and still there is no budget for this tiny adjustment, which would give pleasure and security to many of us. Two years for such a small request is more

to say the least. HANNAH BRAMSON

lent deals for the prime minister in bis divorce cases.) However, I would contend that, were you in need of a kidney operation, you might have your doubts on being told that the top heart man was going to be in charge of your case! So perhaps a little less naive reporting might be in order here! SIMON JOYCE



A rally for jihad? Iranian extremists calling for death to America? No, just a demonstration by Bangladeshi butchers. Well, what would you expect them to do, wave flowers?



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Popularity through persecution

THERE AND THEN SRAYA SHAPIRO

T was the unremitting persecution by censors that greatly Lenhanced the popularity of the German poet Heinrich Heine in his native land. His books were banned, in specific instances, by Prince von Menemich, the most influential statesman in post-Napoleonic Europe. The Prussian police issued a warning of arrest to the poet, whose politically inspired verse was exasperating German ultra-nationalists.

Philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche maintained that Heine was the greatest lyricist in the German language, and Heine's books continued to be much sought after in Germany. But the social climate was becoming more prohibitive each year, and in 1831 Heine took residence in cosmopolitan Paris, which was then the heart of the civilized world. He only ever returned to Germany for two furtive trips in the 1840s.

For a moment Heine considered the United States as a refuge, but he dismissed the idea emphatically. "America is too boorish," he confided to a friend. "Americans make a big show of their Christianity and are the most zealous of churchgoers, hypocrisy being what they learned from the British."

Moreover, he mandated himself to mediate between France and Germany. The French and the British, he maintained, were wholly devoid of feelings. Only the Germans had feelings; they would remain complacent even while exercising terror, he argued.

France treated him as a celebrity and bestowed on him a regular subsidy, until it was canceled on instruction from Alphonse-Marie-Louis Lamartine, a noted poet, then employed by the government. The events of Heine's last seven

or eight years in Paris are described with cold objectivity by Ernst Pawel in his recently published biography, The Poet Dying (Farrar, Straus and Gironx, New York, 278 pp.). "[Heine] was often North, 278 pp.). "[Heine] was often Selden, but Heine nicknamed her embadeed on his world cycling trip petty, vindictive, given to slander, Monche ("Fly"). In August 1993, with \$40 in his self-pity, and self-aggrandizement, Heinrich von Treitschke, the pocket and no sponsors. He pays inconsistent in his opinions, and unwilling to commit himself," writes Pawel. "That he could also be kind and generous and treated. his wife with uncommon affection hardly counted in the halance. There is some truth to almost everything that can be said about him, and his complexity may well hold the clue to his enduring power

to disturb. He was the enfant terrible of German letters, and took a certain pleasure in knowing it. "As a German I, of course, have several opinions at the same. I note that a day consists of 24 hours divided into day and night - two opposites. Everything that exists, that gives pleasure, consists of opposites." He could seldom resist a witticism or a sardonic crack; no matter who the target was. His critics accused him of cynicism. He broke ties with practically everyone he ever befriended; he had lots of acquaintances and many enemies, hut hardly a single friend, hence his painful loneliness. His inner circle consisted mainly of other German exiles, but only Marx remained



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faithful to him to the end. -

Heine lived in Paris in a dimly lit, sparsely furnished apartment. He lived with Crescence Eugenie Mirat, a nearly illiterate, orphaned shop girl, 15 years his junior, whom he married. He called her "Mathilde." He immortalized her in a series of erotic poems. "She loved shopping and her parrot," notes Pawel.

In the last few years of his life another woman entered his world, Prague-born Elise Krinitz, the illegitimate child of Count Nostitz. Demure, petite, with dreamy delicate features, she possessed both the experience and the malleability to adapt with great skill to the role the dying poet had assigned to her," observes Pawel. When she brought Heine the score of music a Viennese composer wrote to his verse, he impressed her as having: "The head of Christ and the smile of Mephistopheles."

She adored him. Mathilde took an instant dislike to the young woman "but forewent her usual temper tantrums and generally, if gridgingly, tolerated her pres-ence." She called herself Camille

German historian, regretted "the eruption of the Jews in our literary history, an ugly and infertile interhide which forumately did not last

Heme's conversion, undertaken for purely practical reasons - he expected to enter the diplomatic service, but failed - did not make him acceptable. His books were burned at the stake by the Nazis.

But even after World War II, the proposal to rename the University of Dusseldorf - Heine's home town - after him, was soundly defeated. In East Germany, before it united with the West, Heine was treated as an opponent of the bourgeoisie,

along with Marx and Engels.

Heine lacked piety, observed no traditions, noted Pawel. "Yet his German critics were dead right when they read Judaism into almost everything he ever wrote. The greatest German poet of his time was a Jew looking at the Germans from the outside, one reason he saw

them as clearly as he did." The Heinrich Heine society here recently marked the 200th anniversary of Heine's birth.

AIDS spokes man

A Canadian real-estate agent cycled around the globe to promote AIDS awareness, only to find that Israelis are rather indifferent to the issue. Leora Eren Frucht reports

CANADIAN cyclist, who has pedaled 55,000 kilome-Lers in three years, arrived in Israel late November to keep a promise to Jewish friends dying of

Bertrand Boudreau altered the route of his AIDS fund-raising tour in order to he in Israel on December 1, International AIDS

Day.
"I wanted to do something special in Israel because of a promise I made to Jewish friends in Florida," explained Boudreau, who has crisscrossed North America, Central America, Europe, and West Africa on his bicycle. He was scheduled to arrive in Turkey, but changed his plans in order to come to Israel first, "My Jewish friends told me that we might never see each other again and urged me to visit Israel. Since then, some of them have died of AIDS. Others are alive and waiting to hear that I made it to Israel. They wanted me to bring my message here."

Boudreau has been trying to increase awareness about the risk of AIDS, and to encourage compassion for its victims. He for his travel expenses and raises first cyclist to ride through Croatia many of them are abandoned by Organization guidelines, the ourn- where it is going.

funds for AIDS organizations by soliciting companies in the cities he

SuperPharm sponsored the Middle Eastern leg of his trip, which will include stops in Egypt, Jordan, Syria, Turkey and Iran.

Until a chance encounter in a cafe with a woman whose brother had died of AIDS, Boudreau had never known anyone with the disease. That meeting prompted him to volunteer at a Canadian AIDS organization. He says the idea of cycling around the world came to

him in a dream. "People thought I was crazy. Many friends and family members simply cut off relations with me," recalls 41-year-old Boudreau, who abandoned a successful real-estate business in Calgary to pedal 160 kilometers a day and sleep in a tent.

Since he embarked on his journey, he has been robbed four times at gunpoint, driven off the road by anti-gay extremists, and oearly fainted while ascending the Swiss Alps. But, he has also been made an honorary citizen of Dallas, photographed with Hollywood stars like Patrick-Duffy and Suzanne following the war.

Boudreau opens his photo album and points to a group shot of beau-tiful African children, dressed in traditional garb, in Senegal. "Can you tell which ones have AIDS?" he asks. The children are smiling, their eyes beaming. "Half of them are HIV-positive."

Next to the photograph is a French-language greeting card with a sketch of a child: "I have AIDS," it says. "Please hold me in your arms. I won't make you ill."

It was the plight of children with AIDS that particularly moved Boudreau and became the theme of his world trek.

He recalls going to a restaurant in Victoria, British Columbia, with a group of children with AJDS, who spoke openly about their condition. The waitress wouldn't go near them. I thought to myself: Why is it OK to die of cancer, but not of AIDS7' I felt I had to do something about this," says Boudreau, who has a 13-year-old daughter in Calgary.

His definition of children has no age limit. "Men of 40 and 50 years old are also someone's children. hen they reveal they have AIDS.

their parents. They tell me they will never see their families again. They know they are going to die alone."

BOUDREAU believes that compassion and forgiveness are the key to controlling the spread of the disease. "As long as the disease is cloaked in shame, we can't speak openly about it. This stymies educational efforts and discourages testing, ultimately promoting the spread of the virus."

The Canadian - who spoke to university students in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem and appeared oo local radio shows during his visit - was struck by the indifference towards AIDS in Israel. "People live under the illusion that it's not a problem here. But the statistics reveal only a small part of the picture. Because there is no anonymous testing. many HIV-positive people don't bother to test themselves. They may be spreading the virus without realizing it."

Israel is one of the only Western countries that does not have anonymous testing (with the exception of a small clinic michylike. TeliAvile relatifPeople don't seems to under-

ber of known HIV carriers should be quadrupled in order to get a more realistic estimate of infected people in countries that don't have anonymous testing. This would raise Israel's total from 1,500 to approximately 6,000.

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The cyclist said that in Israel he has had "the toughest time of anywhere." Boudreau, who came with a warm letter of introduction and support from Canadian Ambassador David Berger, received generous backing from only one corporate sponsor. SuperPharm, headed by Canadianborn Leon Koffler.

Several international chains, including McDonald's, Budget Rent-a-Car, and Pizza Hut, supported his cause all over the world. But the Israeli subsidiaries refused to be associated with him, he says. There is obviously fear of being linked to the AIDS struggle. But this is a pity. If companies don't invest oow in prevention through education, Israeli society will pay a much greater price later on," he maintains.

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Why your dog's bark truly may be worse than its bite

D'VORA BEN SHAUL

FTER reading the breed standard for his German shepherd, a reader wrote saying he was puzzled by a reference to the type of bite the dog should have. What, he asks, is a

dog's hite? When we speak of a dog's "bite" we refer to the placement of the froot teeth, the incisors, and how those of the upper jaw meet those of the lower jaw. There are hasically two types of

The most common in domestic dogs, and the one required for the standard of most breeds, is the scissor bite." This means that the upper incisors are very slightly in froot of the lower incisors, thus, when the mouth is closed, the two rows of teeth meet in a way that resembles a pair of scissors closing, that is, one blade closing over the other.

But this "scissor bite" is a prodoct of domestication. Wild canines including jackals, wolves, and most pariah breeds of dogs have what is called a "plier hite."

This means that the two rows of teeth meet exactly one on top of the other just as do the two halves of a pair of pliers wheo they close. Dogs of Canaan, Akitas, and certain other spitz types are required by their breed standard to possess such a bite.

In either case, any deviation from the standard for the particular breed is considered a serious

In the wild state there was a distinct advantage to having a "plier hite." With such a dental arrangement a dog can quite adeptly remove splinters or thorns from



Most domesticated dogs, including German Shepherds, have a 'scissor bite.'

the coat or the flesh and can pinch off ticks and even catch and kill fleas. This is hard to accomplish

tion backlash, they have become

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minister Jones believes Hanson

and her followers may even have

(Hanoch Guthmann)

a far less exact grasp of small objects. With domestication, where human companioos took over the dog's grooming, this bite was less and less advantageous and breeders started to select the "scissor oite," for reasons not clearly understood.

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There are other dental deviations that are faults in dog breeds as far as the standard is coocerned. One of them is the alltoo-common tendency for a dog to have one or more missing pre-

molars. This too is a product of domesticatioo to a certain degree, although it does occur sometimes in wild canines.

It is thought that these dental deviations are caused by changes in the muzzle and jaws which have been selected by breeders io their pursuit of a certain breed

increased the likelihood Canberra

The weight giveo to these devi-ations varies from hreed to breed and even from judge to judge. Dog-hreed judges are only burnan, and, like all of us, they carry some of their personal prejudices into the ring with them. l personally know that the

breed standard for the Dog of Canaan allows for Cana'anis with a hlack mask, hut it would be hard for me to ignore my personal taste and give a championship to a Cana'ani with a black mask since to me one of the principal attractions of the breed is its sloeeyed look with the striking black "eye liner" they have around their eves - which is not seeo in a black-masked Cana ani.

It also depends oo the breed, since standards for some breeds call dental deviations "serious" or even "disqualifying" faults, while other breed standards class these conditions as "minor faults."

Population control Down Under prompts call for proper semantics

where they all would live. Australia

is the only nation to occupy an

THE Australian government, facing the worst immigration backlash in a decade, has prepared a draft population report as it seeks to refute the notion that this mainly white Christian nation is being "swamped" by Asians.

Yet to he released, the report

shows that calls for a halt to Australia's 40-percent annual Asian immigration intake are based on falsehoods, said Immigration Minister Philip Ruddock. There is the argument that we are being swamped by Asians, when in fact our Asian population at the moment is 4.8 percent [of Australia's 18 million people]. In the next 30 years, it's unlikely to be any greater than 7.5 percent," he said.

In a recent interview, Ruddock declined to discuss the findings of the report, which is being circulated among government members for comment before being present-

ed to parliament. But there are hopes it will help take the hear out of the immigration debate, reignited last year by independent politician Pauline Hanson, a fish-and-chip shop Owner whose September call for a freeze on immigration struck a chord with voters. Hanson has warned that Asian migrants, who now account for over a third of Australia's annual immigration intake, are swamping the nation - a belief also evident in opinion poils. Her speeches have brought thousands of people onto the streets in protest been blamed for a surge in racist attacks on new migrants and engulfed the government in a damaging race row.

To former science minister Barry Jones, who pushed for the government to prepare the report, Australia's increasingly divisive immigration debate needs to be steered toward a more sober argument about Australia's size and ethnic make-up. "Once you say this year's immigration intake is 40 percent Asian, someone like Pauline Hanson says, 'God, they are taking over!" said Jones, who chaired an official population inquiry in 1994.

You might get a very high Asian intake in a particular year... but the important thing to look at is the population in five and 10 years' time," he told Reuters.

Jones's committee of inquiry did not address racial issues directly. but he said the committee anticipaled the current race debate in 1994, when it recommended Canberra consider setting immigration levels with a long-term population target in mind. "We saw the prospect that there was a grave danger that there could be here, as in Europe, a very divisive debate about immigra-

tion," Jones said. The inquiry arrived at possible "population goals" for the middle of the next century, and included a rapid escalation up to 50 million, setting a mid-range of 23 million to 30 million, or stabilizing the population at 17 million to 23 million. It suggested Camberra adopt a population goal, taking the nation's resources and fragile environment into account, and then tailor its immigration intake accordingly. instead of adjusting annual immigration levels ad boc.

"When you talk about immigration, that's 'them.' When you talk about population, that's 'us," Jones said, adding he felt a population policy would avoid more race rows over immigration.

Ruddock, who is in the eye of the Hanson storm, is less sure of this, but says the conservative government's mind is open on the ootion of a population policy. He believes most Australians should be comfortable with the current population projection: about 23 million people in 30 years - assuming existing patterns of net immigration, fertility and mortality remain unchanged.

That's not a particularly alarming figure for most Australians," Ruddock said. The real question, he said, was

entire continent, but 70 percent of it is arid. The vast majority of Australians cling to the coast and already the largest city, Sydney, is said to be bursting at the seams. Canberra, the capital, and the states are now discussing ways of persuading new immigrants to settle away from major coastal cities like Sydney and Melbourne. Earlier this year, Ruddock floated

the idea of using financial penalties to cosure newly settled migrants did not drift toward the cities, but some states rejected the

Despite Ruddock's attempts m distinguish between such population issues and the latest immigra-

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will in future be tempted to focus on population, not immigration. "Pauline Hanson has been in a sense quite a useful agent in all

this," he said. "She has helped to make it much more likely that we will adopt a population policy because she has made immigration a much hotter issue."

A Biography of Vladimir (Ze'ev) Jabotinsky by Shmuel Katz

This is the long-awaited English version of the biography of one of the most dramatic figures of 20th century Jewish history - Ze'ev Jabotinsky, founder of Revisionism journalist, novelist, poet, soldier, linguist and outstanding orator. Shmuel Katz has drawn on archival material, unpublished and newly translated letters, and extensive sources for this account of the center of Zionist history in the 1920's and beyond. Katz himself is known as an author and newspaper columnist; he has used newly available archival documentation in this meticulous and comprehensive hiography, from Odessa, 1880 to VIADIMIRIZE EVIJABOLINSKY New York, 1940. Previously published in Hebrew as JABO. Hardcover, 2 vol., 1856pp.

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LONDON (Reuter) - Aston Villa manager Brian Little has signed a new five-year contract which will keep him at Villa Park until 2002, the Premier League club said on Friday.

Villa chairman Doug Ellis said Little agreed the deal, reportedly worth £2 million, on New Year's Day - a week before speculation linked him to the vacant manager's post at Newcastle after Kevin Keegan resigned.
"We talked about the contract in the summer," Ellis said. "I told Brian then to wait until the New Year when we would sort something out. We presented the contract to him on January 1 and he signed it immediate-

When there was all the panic and speculation about him going to Newcastle, I knew that he wasn't going there because he had already signed the new contract. I was quietly smiling."

Little still had two-and-a-half years left on his existing contract, which is now annulled by the new deal.

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Top Premier League teams all fizzle

LONDON (Reuter) - Newcastle United showed just why Kevin Keegan's hair turned grey in four vears before he quit as manager on Wednesday with a typical Jekyll and Hyde performance in a 2-2 draw with Aston Villa in the Premier League yesterday.

Newcastle raced into a 2-0 lead after only 21 minutes thanks to 20als from Alan Shearer and Lee Clark - but then were lucky to escape with a point thanks to a penalty save by goalkeeper Shaka Hislop midway through the second

By the time of the penalty in the 61st minute Villa had fought back to equalize with goals from Dwight Yorke and Savo Milosevic.

Yorke, which scored a hat-trick when Newcastle beat Villa 4-3 in September, then had a great chance to score again, but his poorly taken penalty was saved by Hislop, although Yorke went close to scoring on the rebound.

Both Newcastle goals came courtesy of errors by Australian keeper Mark Bosnich. He allowed a shot from Shearer to creep under his body and then he engineered one of the freak goals of the sea-

Preparing to drop-kick the ball away, he lost his footing and inadvertently kicked the ball a few meters straight to Clark who then did superbly to lob the ball into the empty net from 30 meters over the head of defender Steve Staunton.

Yorke's goal came from a tap-in after 39 minutes, while Milosevic also scored from close-range after Staumton had brought a superb save out of Hislop after 52 minutes.

While Newcastle was drawing at Villa, none of the other top eight sides were doing much better and none of them won,

Leader Liverpool wasted a chance of opening up a gap at the top by being held 0-0 at home by a West Ham side with just one win in its last 11 matches, while secondplaced Arsenal crashed 1-0 at Sunderland in the second game of their three-match series against each other.

After drawing 1-1 in the FA Cup last week and due to meet again in a replay next week, the match turned nasty after 29 minutes when Arsenal's Dutch striker Dennis Bergkamp uncharacteristically went in over the top on Paul Bracewell and was seot off. While Bergkamp lost his temper, Arsenal skipper Tony Adams lost his sense of direction, putting through his own net after 66 minutes.

With third-placed Manchester United not playing Tottenham until today, Wimbledon had a chance of moving above it in the standings but was held to a 1-1 draw at home by Derby where a late goal by Dutchman Rob Willems canceled out Marcus Gavle's 60th-minute effort for the

While none of the teams at the top won, only one of the bottom six

The losers were Middlesbrough whose 1-0 home defeat to Southampton meant that Bryan Robson's team, assembled at a cost of more than £30 million, fell to



ON SHAKY GROUND - Liverpool player Steve McManaman is tackled by West Ham's Hugo Porfirio.

bottom. The team also had Clayton Blackmore sent off early in the second balf.

Southampton's first away win of the season came courtesy of a controversial 59th-minute penalty from Jim Magilton which fol-lowed the handball offense that led to Blackmore's red card.

Nottingham Forest also continued its mini-revival under playercoach Stuart Pearce, beating Chelsea 2-0 with Pearce scoring the first with a trademark thunderbolt free-kick after 40 minutes. Chris Bart-Williams added the second.

Blackburn, which was bottom for most of September and October, cootinued its climb to safety with their biggest win of the season. a 4-0 victory over Coventry.

Chris Sutton scored twice while Kevin Gallacher and George Donis added the others.

Coventry, unbeaten in its last five league games, had a miserable afternoon. After going 3-0 down

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inside 34 minutes, Dion Dublin was sent off for the second suc-

cessive match after 21 minutes. Ian Rush meanwhile, who had scored just once in 22 matches for Leeds, scored twice in 25 minutes during its 3-0 win over

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SCOTTISH PREMIER: Dunfermline 1, Dundee United 3; Hearts 1, Celtic 2; Kilmarnock 0, Raith 1; Motherwell 2 Hibernian 1.

Bulls reach 30-win mark

MILWAUKEE (Reuter) - Michael Jordan scored 33 points and Dennis Rodman pulled down 26 rebounds as the Chicago Bulls became the NBA's first 30-game winners this season with a 116-101 victory over the Milwaukee Bucks on Friday.

Toni Kukoc added 20 points, Scottie Pippen chipped in 19 and Rodman scored 16 to go with his season-high for rebounds for the defending NBA champions. who improved to 30-4.

Ĝlenn Robinsoo scored 35 points, Vin Baker added 26 and rookie Ray Allen contributed 22 for the Bucks, who suffered their biggest loss of the seasoo.

The Bulls out-rebounded the

the offensive boards. "Tonight was my night," Rodman said, "In the first half we got the cobwebs out, in the second half we kicked (butt)."

Bucks 45-33, including 21-7 on

The Bucks led by 10 after the first quarter but the Bulls outscored Milwaukee 59-40 in the second half - 30-18 over the final 12 minutes.

Knicks 111, Celtics 9g Patrick Ewing scored 31 points and grabbed 15 rebounds and reserve John Starks added 18 points as visiting New York rallied

in the fourth quarter. It was the Knicks' 16th straight victory over the Celtics, who set a team record for most consecutive losses to an opponent.

Rick Fox scored a season-high 26 points for the Celtics, while David Wesley had 20 points and The Knicks used a 10-0 run that

was capped by two free throws by Buck Williams with 4:39 left for a 95-86 lead. Rockets 120, 76ers 99 Clyde Drexler scored 31 points,

Hakeem Olajuwon had 26 and Charles Barkley grabbed 25 rebounds as Houston won. Barkley also scored 12 points

for the Rockets, who have not lost to the 76ers in five years, a span of

11 games. "We just played well from the beginning to end," said Barkley, whose Rockets have won six of their last eight games and improved to a league-best 15-2 on

Jerry Stackhouse scored 26 points, while rookie Allen Iversoo had 26 and 11 assists for Philadelphia, which has dropped eight games in a row and 12 of its

Lakers 94, Heat 85 Shaquille O'Neal had 34 points and Eddie Jones added 25 as the Lakers collected their 11th straight home victory.

O'Neal had seven points during a pivotal 18-4 run by Los Angeles early in the fourth quarter and tied a personal best with his 26th coosecutive game of at least 20 points. Alonzo Mourning led Miami with 31 points while P.J. Brown and Tim Hardaway finished with

14 apiece. Pistons 84, Spurs 78 Grant Hill recorded 19 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists and Terry Mills added 18 points as the host Pistons opened a big first-half lead and cruised to victory.

Mills made a three-pointer to cap a 25-5 run that gave the Pistons a huge 47-23 advantage with 4:07 remaining in the second quarter. Mills had 13 points during the run, including a trio of threepointers.

FRIDAY'S RESULTS: New York 111, Boston 98 Houston 120, Philadelphia 99 Washington 102, Philadelphia 99
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Patriots, Jaguars weren't even supposed to be here

were 0-2 or 3-3, or even when they were 7-4 after a lopsided home loss to Denver, there was little evidence the New England Patriots would be playing for the American Football Conference Championship.

There was oo evidence that their opponent would be Jacksonville. Yet here they are, preparing for today's title game and a shot at the Super Bowl. What both teams have done is

simply get hot at the right time. The Patriots easily could have folded after the Broncos routed them 34-8. Instead, they rebounded, winning four of their last five and playing well in a loss at Dallas.

"We've showed people we've got a little heart, a little character," quarterback Drew Bledsoe said. One of the more annoying traits

about the Patriots was their inconsistency, which betrayed a lack of maturity. They fell far behind against such inferior teams as the Jets and Giants. They blew a 22-0 lead against Jacksonville in the fourth week of the season, then won in overtime.

But as they've gone through those tests - and responded positively - the Patriots have grown "It's just everyone believing and

executing and attention to detail." said veteran Keith Byars. "Around the league there's not much difference from a 6-10 team and a 10-6

between the two? It's just small things, attention to detail, and that's something that starts from the top.

"For example, last week when we were getting ready for Pittsburgh, we took aside one peri-od just for situations. What happens in this situation? What are you going to do in this situation? We do little things like that that keep you on your toes and ready

The Jaguars needed to win each of their final six games just to make the playoffs. They did just that, then won two road playoff

to play."

"This team is very confident right now," said Jaguars quarter-back Mark Brunell, a major reason for that confidence is his performance down the stretch and in the playoffs. "We feel good about ourselves and about what we've done, how we came from a 3-6 record. That makes it

The Jaguars have handled the publicity explosion well. Until they beat the Bills, they were best known for Camp Coughlin - the rugged training camp run by coach Torn Coughlin - and for squeezing into the playoffs when placekicking great Morten Anderseo missed a 30-yard field goal on the final play in the season finale.

"When people look from the outside in, they think this should

never happen," Simmons said.
"They see a team in its second year, an expansion team, and they say it's a fluke, a miracle. But peo-ple don't know this is the new age of the NFL, with free egency, a better job of scouting, gnys coming in and finding the intangibles

"So anything is possible, because that's the way it is." Patriots coach Bill Parcells recognizes the growth in the Jaguars. He attributes some of it to Coughlin, his longtime friend and former assistant. He also knows his players aren't using words like fluke and miracle to describe today's opponent.

that make a team a team:

"I think the more recent history is the more convincing factor," Parcells said. "They did go into Buffalo and win, and they did go into Denver and win. Not many people thought they could do either one of those things.

"They did that, and as with a young team, you talk about genuine confidence, you do some of those things and your confidence grows, and, as a result, you become more formidable. That's

Today's Conference Chempionships: Carolina at Green Bay, 12:30 pm (All times EDT, Israel time-7 Soper Bowl - January 26

Case dropped against Irvin, Williams DALLAS (AP) - A woman's allegation that Dallas

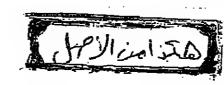
investigation.

Cowboys star Erik Williams raped her while team-mate Michael Irvin held a gun to her head is not troe, police said Friday in ending their investigation of the

"We've determined conclusively that the allegations are not true and that a sexual assault did not take place." said police spokesman Ed Spencer. "We also determined that Michael Irvin was not present at any time." Spencer added the 23-year-old woman could be

charged with filing a false report The announcement followed Dallas radio and TV reports that the woman had recanted her accusation, and admitted it was a hoax. Spencer would not comment on the reports, or talk about the detail of the

Williams's attorney, Peter Ginsberg, said the woman had recanted the allegations after police presented her with evidence there was no sexual attack and Irvin was not present.



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Ashdod accident mars 2nd Division's top clash

THE Second Division promotion home fans.

The host Ironi Ashdod and leaders Hapoel Ashkelon lived up to its billing on Friday before a packed house of over 6,000 supporters, with hundreds more watching from bal-conies and vantage points afforded

by neighboring buildings.
Unfortunately the play on the field was overshadowed by a tragic accident when an asbestos roof caved-in on a building outside the stadium injuring 10 people who

had been standing on the structure.

(Full report Page 12.)

A goal at the end of the first half from Tal Hecht gave Hapoel

Ashkelon its circle gave Hapoel Ashkelon its sixth win in seven matches, and extended its lead at the summit from two to four points, as second-positioned Hakoah Ramat Gan was held to a goaless draw by Hapoel Bat Yam.

With the National League taking a two-week winter break the Ashdod-Ashkelon match was the prime focus of the weekend's 14th round of Second Division soccer action, and Ashkelon's supporters lived up to their fanatical reputation almost outnumbering the

The hosts had the better of the early sparring and should have gone ahead in the 24th minute but Sharon Amar's effort was cleared

off the line by Ashkelon's Nati Ben-Dayan. The match decider came in injury time before the interval when Tal Hecht controlled a pass that fooled the Ironi defense and guided the ball into goal. Despite Ashdod's claims for offside, referee Savi

Elnakaveh gave the goal.

The Ashdod players fought valiantly for the equalizer after the resumption but were repeatedly prevented from getting onto the scoresheet thanks to an excellent performance by Ashkelon goal-

keeper Assi Rahamin. Alexander Polakarov came closest to scoring in the 85th minute, but was foiled by a last-ditch clearance by Ashkelon stopper Alexander Taikov.

Ashdod's bad fortune was epitomized by the late dismissal of Naor Galili whom Elnakaveh adjudged to have handled the ball in the Ashkelon goalmouth to earn his second yellow card of the game.

fourth-placed Elsewhere Maccabi Netanya improved its hopes of returning back to the top flight, as it made up a couple of points on Ironi Ashdod with a 1-0 away victory against Maccabi Kiryat Gat. Liron Vilner struck the matchwinner in the 21st minute but Netanya fans will remember this game for the athletic goalkeeping

of Yossi Kasatani. of Yossi Kasatani.

Hapoel Ashdod registered the most comfortable victory of the round, hammering four goals past Ness Ziona without reply. Miran Cohen, Shimon Genaschvilli. Golan Batit and Haim Ellul supplied the goods for Ashdod.

Fans were treated to a five-goal thriller in the meeting between Maccabi Yavne and Maccabi Jaffa. Two goals by Avivi Zohar and Ofer Digmi appeared to have set Jaffa on the way to a comfortable victory with the match 3-0 in Jaffa's favor at halftime. Yavne stormed back after the restart hitting two quick goals that ensured a heartstopping second half, but Jaffa held Winning Tototeko numbers:...

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Palmer has cancer

CARLSBAD, Ca. (API - Amold Palmer, whose hard-charging style and easy charm made him one of the most popular athletes in American sports and gave golf a jolt of popularity four decades ago, has prostate cancer.

Palmer. 67, found out the results of his biopsy Friday when he checked into his hotel at the Mercedes Champiooships where he was attending the annual US PGA Tour awards dinner.

"I just learned about it." Palmer said Friday night at the dinner.

Palmer said he had withdrawn from next week's Boh Hope Chrysler Classic and said he would not play competitively again until the cancer was "taken

He is scheduled to play the Senior Skins Game in Hawaii in two weeks, and the US PGA Tour said in a release that Palmer had not withdrawn from that event yet, pending the results of additional

Palmer said he was returning to his home in Florida for the tests. "Now we decide what course of

action is best," Palmer said. Palmer gave no indication what stage the cancer is in nor the prognosis for recovery. Prostate cancer is a slow developing cancer that can be successfully treated if detected early.

One source familiar with the situation told The Associated Press that Palmer has had regular blood tests and twice they indicated a problem. But on both occasions a biopsy was negative. The positive reading came in his third biopsy. the source said.

A second source told the AP that a biopsy six months ago was negative, indicating that the cancer is Palmer has won seven major

most likely in its very early stages. professional championships, including four American Masters. two British Opens and a US Open.

Hap. Yehud to host Bet. Jerusalem in State Cup 8th round

SPORTS BRIEFS

The Los Angeles Lakers on Friday shipped high-scoring forward Cedric Ceballos and point guard Rumeal Robbison to the

Phoenix Suns in exchange for disgrantled forward Robert Horry.

and center loe Kleine.

Ceballos, who began his career in Phoenix, averaged 21 points per game in each of the last two seasons.

He has played in just eight games this season after suffering a partial tear of the patella tendon in his right knee on November 13,

but is expected to return to action shortly.

Ceballos should provide the struggling Sups with a hinch-need offensive boost. The emergence of Eddie Jones and rookie Kobe

Bryant in the Lakers lineup made the injured forward expendable.

Kafelnikov out of Australian Open World termis No. 4 Yevgeny Kafelnikov on Priday withdrew from

the Australian Open, because of a broken hand in a further blow

The 22-year-old Russian, seeded four, fractured a bone in his

right hand to join American Monica Seles as a notable enforced

"(The injury) was believed to be sustained during his gym work," Australian Open tournament referee Peter Bellenger said.

Maccabi Tel Aviv's international star midfielder, Avi Nimui, leaves

Nimmi, who has been a dominant force for both his club and for

for a trials with Aston Villa today, Channel I reported last night.

Israel in recent months, had already had a tryout late last year in. England with Sheffield Wednesday, but no deal has so far been

Macrabi is apparently only interested in releasing Nimni at the

ltzik Zohar has apparently also been approached by an English Premiership side, fiverton is said to be interested in the Betar

Liverpool completes Kvarme deal Liverpool completed the bargain signing of promising Norwegian defender Bjorn Tore Kvarme on a free transfer from Norwegian

champions Rosenborg on Friday.

The 24-year-old utility defender has signed a three and a halfyear contract with the English league leader, which beat off

opposition from several top European sides including Rangers.

lerusalem star, but he is not expected to move this season.

absentee in Melbourne, Open organizers said.

Nimni to try out with Aston Villa

Ceballos to Suns in 4-player deal

LEAGUE leaders Betar Jerusalem travel to Yehnd, where they will be hosted by the local Third Division Hapoel side in the eighth round of the State Cup.

The draw, made on Friday, has thrown up a few interesting fixtures in matches between National League clubs and those from the lower divisions. On current form, however, the Betar-Yehnda clasb does not appear to be one where an upset will occur.

National League clubs enter the competition at this stage and are all seeded against sides from the second, third and fourth divisions. The matches will be played in two weeks' time, on January 24 and

Despite the fact that the National League is seeded, several upsets are possible, and it likely that not all 16 top flight clubs will make it to the next round. Matches will go to extra time and penalties to for a replay.

Second Division leaders Hapoel

to tournament organizers.

reached between the clubs.

end of the season.

want to see more success. Maccabi Maaleh Adumim are at home to Hapoel Taiba in another match which looks to have thriller potential. Political rivalries could again come to the fore in the clash between representatives of the settlements and the Arab sector.

Elsewhere, cup bolders Maccabi Tel Aviv host Hapoel Bat Yam, while Maccabi Haifa is at home to Hapoel Kiryat Shmona. The two Petah Tikva sides will host a doobleheader, Hapoel, second in the National League, plays the leaders of the Third Division northern sector, Hapoel Upper Nazareth, and Maccabi meets Maccabi Netanya, where an upset appears possible,

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Penguins' unbeaten streak hits 10 games

PITTSBURGH (AP) - Jaromir Jagr scored twice and Mario Lemieux had four assists before he was ejected as the Pittsburgh Penguins stretched their unbeaten streak to 10 games with a 5-2 win over the New York Islanders on Friday night.

Lemieux was tossed out at 5:31 the third period after he and Islanders defenseman Richard Pilon were involved in a slashing incident at center ice. Pilon was given a match penalty for attempting to injure and Lemieux picked up a slashing major with the game misconduct.

The Penguins are 9-0-1 with six consecutive wins while improving their NHL-best home record to 13-3-3. Rookie goalie Patrick Lalime remained unbeaten at 11-0-1.

Canucks 5, Whalers 3 Pavel Bure had a goal and two assists as host Vancouver won. Bure set up goals by Alexander Mogilay in the first period and David Roberts, sborthanded, in the second as the Canucks evened their season record at 20-20-1 at

the midway point in the NHL schedule. Mike Ridley and Mike Sillinger scored the other Vancouver goals as the Canuck's won for the fourth time in five games. Glen Wesley, Steven Rice and Kevin Dineeo scored for the Whalers, who had their winless streak extended to

seven games (0-6-1). Blackbawks 3, Devils 3 Tony Amonte scored with 19.7 seconds remaining in the third period to lift visiting Chicago to

Amonte, who left the Blackhawks' 4-1 win over Edmonton on Wednesday night with a bruised knee, recovered to make the starting lineup for Chicago. The Blackhawks extended their unbeaten streak to three

Rookie center Denis Pederson had a goal and an assist for the Devils, who are winless in their last three (0-1-2) and have posted only one win in the last six games

Mighty Ducks 5, Sabres 2
Paul Kariya highlighted Anaheim's 100th victory as a fran-chise with his first NHL hat trick and an assist.

Teemu Selanne extended his goal-scoring streak to four games with his 24th and Brian Bellows also scored for the Ducks, who reached the milestone win in front of their 100th seliout crowd in 130 bome games at Anaheim

Kariya, heading to his second all-star game and first as a starter, broke a 2-2 tie with 15:24 left in the third period and completed the hat trick during a power play to increase Anaheim's margin to



ICE CRASH - Hartford's Andrew Cassels is checked into the boards by Vancouver's Chris Joseph.

Coyotes 4, Stars 3 were on a power play, firing a slap score after pulling Moog with 48 seconds to play.

Keith Tkachuk and Jeremy Roenick scored big goals in the game's final 21 minutes as the visiting Phoenix Coyotes snapped a three-game losing streak.

Tkachuk gave Phoenix a 3-2 lead with 32 seconds left in the second period when he skated up the slot and rapped Mike Gartner's centering pass by goaltender Andy Moog for his 26th goal. Roenick made it 4-2 with his 12th at 8:06 of the third while the Coyotes

FRIDAY'S RESULTS: Pittsburgh 5, N.Y. Islanders 2 Chicago 3, New Jersey 3 Phoenix 4, Dallas 3 Vancouver 5, Hartford 3 Anaheim 5, Buffalo 2

THURSDAY'S RESULTS: Boston 5, Montreal 4 Colorado 2, Ottawa 8 Tampa Bay 3, Philadelphia 1 Washington 2, N.Y. Rangers 0 Detroit 5, Phoenix 4 (OT) Calgary 3, Hartford 2 St. Louis 4, San Jose 3 Los Angeles 6, Buffalo 3 shot past Moog from the lower right circle.

The Stars closed within 4-3 with 5:04 left when Dave Reid scored his 11th, but were unable to tie the

SCORING LEADERS (Through Friday's games)

	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
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Jagr, Pit	42	38	30	68	36
Gretzky, NYR	46	16	44	60	12
Sundin, Tor	42	27	29	58	24
Sakic, Cot	40	15	40	55	20
Selanne, Ana	42	24	30	54	16
Francis, Pit	42	17	34	51	4
Tkachuk, Pho	43	26	22	48	126
Leclair, Phi	43	25	23	48	34
Yzerman, Det	42	12	36	48	30
Messier, NYR	40	24	23	47	53
Shanahan, Det	41	23	24	47	60
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Reuter Former Scotland captain George Young dies George Young, who captained Scotland a record 48 times; has died. He was 74.

The Glasgow Rangers defender was capped 53 times in the 1940s and 1950s. Paying tribute to Young yesterday, Jim Farry, chief executive of the Scottish FA, said: "George was a big man in every sense of the word, not only in his physical statute but also in his leadership

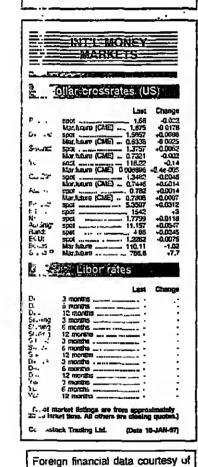
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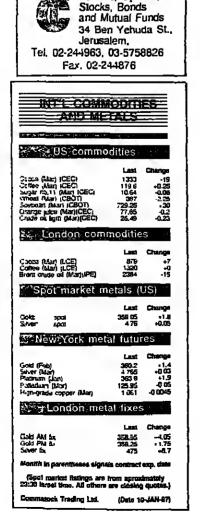
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The 23-year-old midfielder and defender was charged with misconduct by the FA, which said the player tested positive for cocaine in a random test at Ipswich Town's training ground on December 9.

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Dow soars 78 to record high

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks rallied Friday, boosting the Dow Jones industrials above 6,700 for the first time, despite another strong economic report that undermined hopes for tame inflation and sent interest rates soaring.
On Wall Street, the Dow Jones

industrial average rose 78.12 points to close at 6,703.79, en route to its fourth record high of the week after erasing a nearly 68-

point opening slide.

The Dow, which broke above 6.000 for the first time less than three months ago, gained 159.70

for the week. Broader market measures also jumped to new highs, turning positive in the afternoon despite the sharp drop in bonds, which sent long-term interest rates to their

highest level since mid-October. Stocks were dragged lower at the open after bonds plunged on a trose 4.59 to 1.329.26, its third government report showing that record high this week.

businesses added a surprising 262,000 workers to their payrolls in December, well above analysts forecasts for about 190,000. The increase, which held the

unemployment rate steady at 5.3 percent, was the largest one-

month gain since August.
Advancing issues finished with
a narrow lead on the New York
Stock Exchange, with 1,275 up.
1,234 down and 841 unchanged.
NYSE volume totaled 545.75 million shares, versus 554.10 million in the previous session.

The Standard and Poor's 500stock list and the NYSE composite index both closed at record highs for the first time November 25. The S&P 500 rose 4.59 to 759.44, and the NYSE composite rose 2.18 to 400.76, its first finish above 400.

Small companies to take center stage **WALL STREET WEEK**

NEW YORK (AP1 - Just like they did at the start of 1996, the Wall Street prognosticators are suggesting a shift toward smaller, emerg-ing companies for better returns

over the coming year.
But after watching blue-chip companies outperform the broad market last year, why should anyone listen to them this time

Not that the gains in the speculative sector were necessarily sbabby last year: The Russell 2000 list of smaller companies produced a



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healthy 14.8 percent advance in 1996. Unfortunately, that was slightly worse than the 15.3% gain the Russell 2000 had registered by late May, before last summer's steep downturn.

The Russell 2000 finally erased the remaining damage from that slide this past week, setting its first new high since May 22. Naturally, then, the second half of 1996 was a humbling experience for many investors who watched their small company-oriented mutual funds lag the popular averages.
Still, the cooventional wisdom

that dominated the start of 1996 seemed fairly logical.

Blue-chip measures such as the Dow Jones industrial average and the Standard & Poor's 500 list of larger companies rarely put together back-10-back years of blockbuster gains.

Although the more speculative sectors also rallied in 1995, the probability of a 1996 repeat seemed more feasible in that arena. And until late spring, the emerging growth sector looked like a sweet bet.

Many analysts find the case for pelling now.

Eurobourses down

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuter) - Leading European shares slid lower Friday after US jobs data signalled credit may have to be rightened.

Bourses had been marking time ahead of Washington's announcement that 262,000 jobs were created outside the farm sector in December. Wall Street economists

192,000 jobs would be created.
The closely watched figures followed a string of data pointing to a strengthening US economy, making an early hike in interest rates by the US Federal Reserve more likely.

Major European bourses, with the exception of Frankfurt, closed

which were bit after the Dow Jones Industrial Average, spooked by the inflation spectre, tumbled by 1 percent within minutes of

The backdrop of weak German economic data released Thursday helped to push the mark lower, while the apparent halting of intervention by the central banks of Norway and Spain sped up the decline, analysts said.

Shortly after Wall Street opened,

London, Europe biggesi bourse, was down 50 points or 1.2%. It later recovered somewhat and the FTSE 100 index ended 30.4 points or 0.74% lower at 4,056.6, its lowdown - though off their lows, est close for three weeks.

Dollar rises on good US employment figures **CURRENCY REPORT**

NEW YORK (AP) - The dollar rose against most currencies Friday on robust December employment figures, reinforcing the view that the US economy is growing while Japan and much of Europe struggle with per-

A sharp sell-off in the pound also fed into the dollar rally. The British currency tumbled after optimism for higher interest rates in Britain faded on data that showed an unexpected decline in the country's manufacturing. Demand for dollars pushed the US currency to the highest level against the mark since early July 1994.

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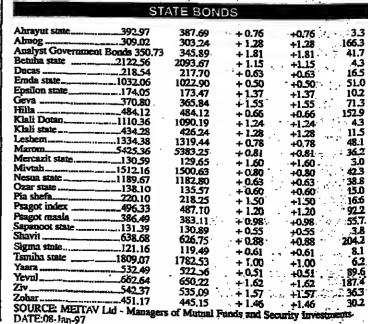
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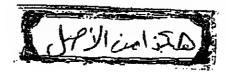
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TELEVISION

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EVELYN Tubb is one of the most engaging sopranos of our time. Usually she performs within the Consort of Musicke concerts. But this week local music lovers can enjoy Tubb herself, accompanied by the Consort's Anthony Rooley on the lute, in a captivating program depicting the colorful character of the renowned 17thcentury English singing actress Anne-Bracegirdle. Tonight at the Jerusalem Music Center and Saturday at the Enav Center in Tel Aviv (8:30).

CHANTAL Juillet plays Shostakovich's first violin concerto with the Haifa Symphony Orchestra under Yuval Zaliouk, who also leads the orchestra in the overture to Mozart's Le nozze di. Figaro and Beethoven's seventh symphony. Tonight, tomorrow and Wednesday at the Haifa Auditorium (8:30).

HAGAI Shaham plays the Sibelius violin concerto with the larael Symphony Orchestra Rishon Lezion under the baton of Alexander Rahbari who also leads the orchestra in two works by Tchaikovsky. the first symphony and the fourth suite. Tonight and Wednesday at the Tel Aviv Players' production of 'Something to Hide.' Performing Arts Center (8:30).

BENJAMIN Frith plays Beethoven's fourth piano concerto with the Israel Chamber Orchestra under Sidney Harth who also leads the orchestra in Haydn's 88th symphony and the third suite of Respighi's Ancient Airs and Dances. Tonight and tomorrow at the Tel Aviv Museum (8:30).

THEATER

HELEN KAYE

ADULTERY, blackmail and murder, or is it? And if it is, whodunnit? Whatever the answer there's Something to Hide by Leslie Sands starring Renee Singer, Nahum Froumin and Ilan Brand. The Sharon Players production is directed by Mimi Fachler. Tonight at the Sapir Auditorium in Kfar Sava at 8:30. (English)

SHARED EXPERIENCE Theatre from Londoo brings its acclaim-winning production of Shakespeare's The Tempest to Tel Aviv for four

choreography and above all powerful acting to tell the story of Prospero and his magic island.



Han Brand and Renee Singer star in the Sharon

Last shows at the Cameri Theater at 4:30 and 8:30 p.m. (English)

HOSTILE takeover and asset stripping are the name of the game when Lawrence Garfinkle (Avi Oria) starts buying up shares in a small factory in a small town in America. Money is a game to him, but the factory is the townspeople's life. Other People's Money by Jerry Sterner is about what happens when warm hearts square up to cold cash. The Beersheba Theater production directed by Gad Inbar opens tonight on the mainstage at 8:30. (Hebrew)

TELEVISION

ELANA CHIPMAN

DESPERATELY Seeking Asylum, an award-win-ning Yorkshire Television documentary (Discovery Channel, at 8 tonight) looks at Britain's tough policy on asylum-seekers. Many of those who arrive in Britain seeking political asylum suffered repression and persecution in their oative countries. And frequently deportees The prodoction blends visuals, live music, risk being executed on returning to their country of origin. Yet the British Home Office maintains its hard-hearted policy.









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- rudimentary (8)
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- 20 A serving man gets into trouble when slow (6)
- 23 The doctor is fed maybe about one and changes (8)
- 25 Keeping it need not appear
- without affiliation (5,2) 28 Once daughter enters the

- cigarette-end (7)
- splash-back set in place (4-3) 4 Hide the contents of study (8)

- change? That's rough! (9)

DOWN

2 Scoffed a lot about a

- wrong (9) 26 Honoured all round at having written some music
- 27 Pretend not to know of club
- Church give up (7) 29 With little money in spare
- 3 Kitchen equipment with
- 5 Soppy eccentric occupying nurse (6) 6 The theatre-worker had agents in revolt (5-4)
 - 7 A fellow giving a poor actor housing support (7) 8 Notes sound increase (9)
 - 13 See this as a bishop's responsibility (7) 15 Mnsic-maker-a
 - choir-man possibly (9) 16 Shop in the open air with healthier result (9)
 - 18 Left after the party—went first in some confusion (8) 19 The novel "Dieting", a
 - journalist'a work (7) 21 A girl about ten feels for a six-footer (7)
 - 22 Set apart, and that is nothing new (7) 24 Revolutionary movements

SOLUTIONS



Quick Solution

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12 Staple food (4) 13 Berate (5) 17 Hard wood (5) 18 Raised path (4) 22 Within the law (5) 23 Be aware (7) 24 Small and pretty

25 Admittance (6)

1 Arachnida (7) 4 Letting charges 5 Main artery (5)

9 Hired soldier (9) 14 Talent (7) 15 Abed (7) 16 Side by side (7) 19 Forest clearing (5) 20 Once more (5)

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film 16:50 Program tor Ramadan 17:30

CHANNEL 1

6:31 News in Arabic 6:45 Exercise Hour 7:00 Good Morning Israel

EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 Dreaming of an Empire 8:30 Family Tias 9:00 Geography 9:20 Nature 9:30 English 9:45 Programs for the very young 10:15 Social Sciences 10:45 Anthmetic 11:10 English 12:00 Mathematics in Daily Life 12:30 Social Sciences 13:00 in the Heat of the Night 14:00 Surprise Train 14:20 Kitty Cat and Tommy 14:35 Babar the Elephant 15:00 Pretty Butterfly

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CHANNEL 2

7:30 The Five Mrs. Buchanans 8:00 Dame Edna's Neighbourhood Watch 8:35 Emergency Room – documentary 9:25 Hollywood Wives – miniseries based on Jackie Collins's bestseller 10:20 Who Will Love My Children? (1983) (rpt) 12:05 Lunch Break 12:30 Genie and the Captain 13:00 Open Cards 14:00 Echo T2:05 Lunch Break 12:30 Genie and the Captain 13:00 Open Cards 14:00 Echo Point 14:30 Tic Tac 15:00 Tha Flintstones 15:30 Dave's World 16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful 17:00 News magazine with Rafi Reshel 17:30 Sister Sister 18:00 Careana The Bold and the Deathst Tr:30 Sister Sister 18:00 Senora 19:00 Crossings - miniseries based on Damele Steele's novel about two American couples in France during WWII. 20:00 News 20:30 Dudu Topaz 22:00 Rafi Reshel - new talk show 23:20 Documentary Box 23:50 Tha Graduate (1967) - classic coming-of-age tale of a neive college graduata who is seduced by an older woman. Sound track by Simon and Garfunkel. With Dustin Hoffman and Anne Bancrott. (105 mins.) 00:00 News 00:05 Tha Graduate - continued 1:55 On the Edge of the Shell

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Gloria for soloists, choir, orch and organ (Verona Cath/Turco); Hummel: Trio in A for flute, cello and piano op 78; Grieg: Piano concerto in A minor; Brahms; Sextet (or strings in G op 36; Myaskovsky: Lyric Concertino in G (USSR SO) 12:00 Light Classical — tunes for bandoneon and accordion 13:00 Artist of the Week — Asfor Piazzola 14:06 Encore — Tchaikovsky: Swan Lake suite; Smetana: Hakon Jarl symphonic poem 15:00 Violinist Bronistaw Huberman — Tchaikovsky: Violin concerto in D; Tchaikovsky: Tune in E; Zarzycki: Mazurka; Chopin: Noctume in E flat, Waltz in G flat 16:00 Music for Sunday — Bach: Cantata no 123: Costanzo Porta (16th cent.): Sanctus and Agrus Del from Missa Azzulina; Moniuszko: Mass in E flat, Grechaninov: Sancti Spiritus mass for choir and organ 18:00 New CDs — F. Sor: Introduction and Variations for guitar: Bizet, 6 Songs; Beethoven: Piano sonata no 32 in C op 111; Berlioz: 2 Songs; Ravel: Piano concerto in G, Folk Song 20:05 From Our Concert Halls — Haifa Symphony Orch, cond. Stanley Sperber, soloist Mira Zakai (alto) Beethoven: Egmont Overture; Oded Zehavi: 5 Hebrew Songs; Mahler: Symphony no 1 23:00 Sounds to End Symphony no 1 23:00 Sounds to End

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Police unsure if TA bombs were terror acts

POLICE Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz said Friday that the investi-gation into the two bombings in Tel Aviv was focusing on an analysis of the explosives used in the bombs and identikits of sus-

Hefetz said it was still too early to determine whether the two bombs that went off in garbage cans near the old central bus station were planted by terrorists. Criminal motives have not been ruled out, he added.

He noted that the bombs contained nails and screws aimed at increasing the number of casualties. He also revealed that the bombs were set off by a sophisti-

cated timing device. Police have collected information from witnesses with which identikits of suspects will be sketched. Hefetz said.

The sketch of one suspect who was seen acting suspiciously near the scene has already been prepared. Tel Aviv police chief Cmdr. Shlomo Aharonishky

said.
Three Arabs arrested immediately after the bombings were released late Thursday night.

They were in the area of the central bus station when the bombs went off and were questioned on suspicion of involvement, but were not found to have been connected to the inci-

President Ezer Weizman said Friday that Thursday's bombings were not a reason to delay the peace process.

"We are taking the right path, even if it has many difficulties," Weizman said Friday while visiting bomb blast victims at Tel Aviv's Ichilov Hospital.

Asked if he thought there was a connection between the bombings and the delay in concluding a Hebron agreement. Weizman

said: "I hope that what happened [Thursday night] was not a result of the delay in the signing." adding that it is the Palestinians who are holding up the agree-

"Arafat has brought up several issues for discussion which have held up the agreement," he said. "I hope he understands that he has to make a greater effort."

Weizman also said be hoped that the relationship between Netanyahu and Arafat would

Regarding reported police assessments that the bombs were planted by Jewish extremists, Weizman said "Since I am not a policeman I think otherwise."

Weizman visited with a policeman, Shimon Biton, who was injured in the second blast. He told the president that immediately after the first blast he cleared people off the pedestrian walkway and helped bring the injured into a nearby store. Then the second blast occurred. Biton noted that he had met the president two weeks earlier when he was at Beit Hanassi to receive an outstanding policeman

Weizman also met with 20-yearold Elinor Yismailov who celebrated her birthday yesterday. The president asked her what she wanted for her birthday. "Peace." she answered.

Meanwhile, life returned to normal Friday on Rehov Neveh Sha'anan, where the bombs went off. Hundreds of people flocked to the pedestrian mall and stores were open for business. However, pedestrians said they would be more aware of suspicious objects and people.

The Income Tax Authority said the damage caused by the bombings was around NIS 150,000.

The one agora fine outraged

many and the prosecution said it



Hana Cohen, who works for the Israeli Hemyola company, gives balloons to Jordanian children on Friday, the third day of the first Israeli trade fair in Amman.

Amman militants pray for end to Israeli trade fair

AMMAN (AP) - More than 2,000 Jordanians gathered Friday to pray and call on their govemment to cancel Israel's first trade fair bere.

It is the second large gathering to protest the exhibition since Wednesday, when security forces fired water cannons to disperse 4,000 demonstrators protesting the four-day Israeli fair. No arrests or injuries were reported in Friday's noisy but peaceful three-hour protest, which included lawmakers, trade unionists and members of political parties.

The noon prayer and protest gathering coincided with the start of the Islamic fasting month of Ramadan. "It is shameful for us to host this fair while

the hideous (Prime Minister Binyamin)

Netanyahu is killing our people in Palestine and south Lebanon," shouted Hamzeb Mansour, a member of parliament. "Our government should cancel this dis-

graceful event," said Mansour, a spokesman for the fundamentalist Islamic Action Front. Worshipers spread out carpets under a traffic light in the middle of a street, I km. away from

the blue hangar which houses the Israeli fair, the first since the 1994 Jordanian-Israeli peace treaty. More than 800 riot police, some on horses, clutched shields and wooden clubs, and wore gas masks as they faced the crowd, blocking the way to the fair. Police helicopters hovered overhead. On the other side of the street, representa-

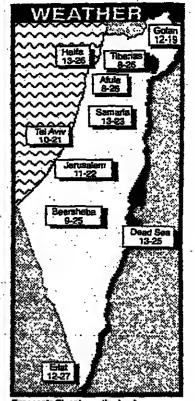
tives of the 62 Israeli firms at the fair watched

the protest amid tight security. The fair was held for only half a day because of the boliday and few people attended.

"It is frustrating for the people to see an intransigent Israel rejecting making real peace with the Arabs while our government is opening the doors wide for Israel to invade the area ecocomically," said Toujan Faisal, an independent member of parliament.

Many in Jordan's predominantly Palestinian populatioo reject normalizing relations with Israel unol it relinquishes all land overnus in the Six-Day War.

Moslem fundamentalists, who advocate the annihilation of Israel, have also pushed hard for Jordan to freeze relations.



AROUND THE WORLD



Rehov Bar-Ilan protests return

HUNDREDS of baredim demonstrated over the weekend on Jerusalem's Reboy Bar-lian. demanding it be closed on Shabbat

and holidays. Over a thousand people were involved in the protests Friday night and yesterday. Three haredim were arrested in the melee. (ltim)

Arafat: Bombings are Israel's problem

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PALESTINIAN Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat said on Friday that two bombs which exploded in Tel Aviv on Thursday night concerned only internal events in Israel, and appealed for European help to advance peace negotiations.

we have nothing to do with this attack. It is an attack which concerns internal events within Israel," Arafat told reporters after meeting French President Jacques Chirac.

A Popular Front for the Liberatioo of Palestine (PFLP) commander said on Friday the bombings were a response for last week's attack on Arabs in Hebron. Abu Ahmed Fuad, chief of the PFLP's military department, refused to confirm or deny his group's responsibility for Thursday's two bomb blasts.

"The Palestinian people are replying to the crime committed by Israel against the innocent people in Hebron. The bombings reflected our people's determination to continue resistance," Fuad

"We neither deny nor confirm our responsibility for the Tel Aviv

Military court issues

stiffer sentence to soldiers

Swiss president rules out apology for blackmail remarks

cessor Jean-Pascal Delamuraz. who described calls for Swiss restitation to Holocaust victims as

He told Swiss-German television late on Friday that Delamuraz had already publicly expressed regret for his remarks, which angered Jewisb groups and triggered threats of a boycott against Swiss banks. "A further distancing is not being discussed," Koller said in the Arena television program. Delamuraz's remarks reignited a dispute between Switzerland and Jewish groups over bow to invesogate the fate of Jewish funds deposited in Swiss banks before and up to World War II. While the Swiss government has ignored demands that it denounce the remarks, Koller said it was willing to discuss setting up

ZURICH (Reuter) - Swiss a Holocaust memorial fund with President Arnold Koller said the banks. This move should not be government was not planning to apologize for remarks by his predein to any pressure, Koller added.

Meanwhile, a poll published yesterday iodicates that despite international criticism, most Swiss tance to pay out immediate compensation to Jews who lost assets in the Holocaust.

Some 45 percent of those questioned said the government was right to stand by Delamuraz. Twenty nine percent said the Swiss cabinet should formally distance itself from Delamuraz, as Jewish groups have demanded. Of the 748 people questioned, 27% had no opinion, according to the poll published in the mass-selling daily Blick. The government has already acknowledged that it might compensate Jewish victims of the Nazis before the final results of a full inquiry — which could take years - was complet-

ed. Swiss Jewish groups have proposed that the government repay Jewisb groups the 55 million Swiss francs (\$40 million) they spent to support Jews who were allowed to enter Switzerland during the war. No other refugees had TOL THER OM!

Delamuraz made his remarks last month as he completed his one-year term in the rotating Swiss presidency. The remarks triggered angry reactions oot only from outraged Israeli politicians and world Jewish groups, but also from other Swiss poliocians.

On Friday the Social Democrats, one of four parties in the center-left coalition that has ruled since 1959, said the eouncil must distance itself from Delamuraz's remarks. "These comments are not only an unhearable insult to vietims of the Holocaust. They also insult Switzerland and the Swiss people at the same time," it said.

Ten soccer fans hurt as roof collapses in Ashdod TEN people were injured, one fered a serious head injury and

seriously, when an asbestos roof they were sitting on during a soccer game Friday afternoon in Ashdod collapsed.

The incideot occurred when some 40 people climbed atop the roof of an old firehouse near the it to get a view of the field. When two more people climbed up during the game, the roof gave

"There were about 40 people on the roof," said Erez Weizman, who was one of them. "During the game two more climbed up, one of them very fat. I told them to gt down, because the roof was already overloaded, but just as they climbed up, it gave way and 15-20 people fell to the floor and were hurt. Lockily I was on the

edge, so I didn't get hurt."
Police and firefighters arrived at the scene and took them to the hospital. Simi Marzuk, 14, sufwas taken to Sheba Hospital at Tel Hashomer. The rest of the injured were taken to Kaplan Hospital in Rehovot or to Ashkelon's Barzilai Hospital.

"We didn't want to huy a ticket for the Ironi Ashdod game fans, so we climbed op on the roof. We didn't think this would happen, but we're not going to climb on oo the roof anymore,' one of the fans said.

Ashdod police commander Ch.-Supt. Amnon Ziv said it was a shame people were will- . }ing to risk their lives instead of paying NIS 30 for a ticket. The municipality was responsible for the abandoned building and should have prevented people from climbing up on the roof. It's not the job of the police. The police were responsible for security inside the stadium," he said.

fined one agora A MILITARY appeals court 13, 1993. The army had intended to charge the soldiers with involunimposed a stiffer sentence on four IDF soldiers who had been fined tary manslaughter, but the proseone agora cach by a lower court for killing a Palestinian, the IDF cution's case weakened when some Palestinian witnesses failed Spokesman said Friday. The four soldiers, members of The defense asked for and was the Duvdevan undercover unit, were each given instead one granted a symbolic punishment in month suspended prison sentence. exchange for guilty pleas to vio-The four were charged in conlating open-fire regulations.

nection with the shooting death of

Eyad Mohammed Ewad Awali,

18, near Tulkarm on November

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